¶ Moſt Godly prayers compiled out of Dauids Pſalmes by D. Peter Martyr.

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Cum priuilegio.

To the Reader.

Correct your Booke in the arguments of the. 14. and 15. prayer as foloweth.

Prayer. 14. The argument therevnto set, belongeth vnto the. 15.
Prayer the. 14. His proper argument:
A praier for the grace of Christ against originall sinne.

Iosias Simler sendeth hartie greeting to the right *worshipfull and his singuler* good friend Doctor Herman Folkersheimer Friselander.

Hen as the last yere (most curteous Herman) I perused the writings of the exceeding godly & notable learned man Peter Martir my scholemaster, and had gathered togither out of his librarie euery small pamphelet noted wyth his owne hand, I lighted by chaunce vpon certaine papers cast a side and

and layde apart, wherein were diuers holy praiers of his owne hand writing. And when I had perused these diligently ouer, I thought it meete to put them forth in print: for although I certainlye knewe hee did not make them to that intent, yet neuertheleſſe there bee dyuers cauſes which moue me to go on vvith my former determination. The firſt is, that whē the counſaile of Trent began, there roſe vp both grieuous & deadly warre in Germanie for Religion, at which tyme Martir finished theſe praiers which he openly vſed in the Schooles

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at Strasborow at the end of his lectures, and are now very conuenient to be set forth in these dayes, wherein it behoueth vs to make feruent prayers vnto almightie God, that the like to the Counsaile of Trent being novv ended be not kindled againe. Moreouer the prayers conteyned in this small booke, are both plaine, and do verye little disagree from the wordes of the Psalmes, vvhich I accompt to bee highly esteemed amongst praiers. For diuers arguments of many Psalmes are briefly and euidently expounded in these prayers, and a nũber

ber of darke and hard places made plain with a notable Paraphraſe. VVherefore I doubt not but that ſuch as be deſirous to read this short little booke, shall reape farre greater cómoditie therby then many would ſuppoſe. Novv haue I dedicated this ſmall booke vnto thee (my deere Herman) that thou mayſt haue both our Martyres token of remembraunce and mine alſo. For ſeing that thou diddeſt honour and reuerence Doctor Martyr (ſo long as hee liued) like a father: and moreouer louedſt me ſo excedingly hitherto; as I maye rightfully

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place thee in the number of my deereſt friendes: I verilye thinke that thou vvilt take this booke in right good vvorth, (although it be of a very ſmall volume) vvhich I ſende vnto thee being vvrittē in both our names. For ſo oft as you ſhall looke in this booke (vvhich of your godly diſpoſitiō you vvil do very oft) ſo many times ſhal you call to minde the remembraunce of your olde friendes, not altogither to thee vnpleaſant (as I hope.) Neyther can the death of Doctor Martyr cauſe vs to be any thing forgetful of him: nor yet the diſtance

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of place be any breach of our vnfeyned good vvill so long as vve haue life, that vve shoulde retain any whit lesse the frendship heretofore begunne vvith letters and a friendly recordation of olde acquaintance.

Fare vvell at Zurike the xx. day of Iune in the yeare of our Lord

1564.

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¶ Holy Prayers collected out of Dauids Pſalmes, by Doctor Peter Martyr.

¶ A prayer out of the firſt Pſalme.

A prayer for a chriſtian lyfe.

OMoſt good and moſte mightie God ſaue and kepe vs (we pray thee) firſt from the perſwaſion of all wicked counſayles, next after this from all heynous and deadly crimes: ſuffer vs not to fall into a wicked and vicious kinde of lyfe, and finally remoue our mindes farre from the contempt of godlyneſſe and deryding of all maner of vertuous dedes: graunt that in the ſtead of theſe moſt peſtilent thinges, we maye perpetually occupie our ſelues in thy lawe and in the holy Scriptures, ſo that we bee not led about lyke the wicked with euery blaſt of affections and doctrines, as ſmall duſt and empty chaffe: but rather as trees planted by the riuers ſide, being indued with the lyfe of the ſpirite and with faith,

we may abundantly shew forth the fruits of good workes: and that whatsoeuer we go about, maye haue prosperous successe: to the praise and glorie of thy name, and the increase of our saluation: So that at the last, when in the tryall of thy iudgement, the wicked shall be cast downe and brought to shame and vtter confusion, we may by thy mercie both stand & be acquited through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE know euidently ynough (O most mightie God) ẏ grœuous calamities and miserable, doe in this respect here the Church, bicause we haue often frequẽted the counsels of the wicked, which (being knowne of vs) we ought forthwith to haue eschewed: who haue in lyke maner not declyned from ẏ way of naughtie and malicious persons, but daylie followed their lewde fotesteps, through continuall transgressions of thy blessed commaundements: moreouer, wholesome corrections and helthfull discipline haue of long tyme bœne dispised by vs: and whatsoeuer was

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through thy sacred word offred vnto vs, we haue frowardly ynough, yea & impudently neglected it, and made a laughter thereat. Wherefore no maruaile is it, if in stéede of felicitie and quiet peace, which we haue hitherto (alas) tootoo long abused, we are now inforced to taste al heauie, sorrowful, yea, and most sore and bitter griefes. But now (O good God) by the acknowledging of these our wicked and lewde deserts, we humbly flie vnto thée for succour, & with vehement & most feruent supplications, desire, ẏ the sinnes which we haue so folishly & wickedly committed, thou wilt fauourably pardon & forgiue. We hartily pray thée ẏ thou wouldst make our minds most studious of thy sacred lawe, so as we maye day & night meditate in our harts none other thing then ẏ words of the holy scriptures. For so through assured cõfidence in thy blessed worde, we shal bring forth seasonable and pleasant fruites: neither shal the ornaments of ẏ holy ghost be quite takẽ frõ vs: yea happy successes wil alwaies ensue of our works, although at this present, through ẏ iust desert of our heynous sinnes, we are lyke to dust or chaffe toste

vp & downe wyth the blastes of tempestious afflictions. Graunt yet at ỳ least way (O most merciful father) that our lyfe may not come to an euil ende, as wicked mens doth. But that thou wilt defend ỳ cause of the righteous with an exceding great care and mightie protection, so as in the iudgement and felowshyp of the iust, we maye stande, and not be brought to confusion: through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

SEing that we know right wel (O most mightie God) that a good part of our felicity (whilst we here liue) consisteth in this, that we take heede of the wicked counsels and cursed behauiours of men, by eschewing the felowshyp of them, who bee so dispitefull that they laugh and scorne at all matters: And that in stead of these most deadly things there be placed in vs an exceding feruent zeale of Gods lawe (therein to delight and exercise oure selues both day and nyght,) & therby to perceyue how that hitherto we haue greatly gone astray from the scope and marke of our saluation,

on, yea & to haue offended very miserably & lewdly agaynst this thy blessed lawe and diuine worde: we desire thee that thou wouldst (of thy singuler mercie) pardon & remit whatsoeuer we haue committed agaynst thy excellent maiesty: And vouchsafe (through the continuall studie and exercise of thy worde) to make vs euer hereafter fruitfull and liuely plants, so that we may not onely bring forth wholsome and pleasaunt fruites in thy sacred Church during this life, but also maye in the other worlde stande fast in iudgement before thee (who knowest and best vnderstandest the way of the righteous) through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the second Psalme.

A prayer for comfort in persecution.

WE nowe perceyue (O most good and mightie God) that not onely Antichrist, but also the force & power of the world hath cõspired agaynst thee and thy annoynted: as they who think the gospel and reedefying of thy blessed Church to be intollerable bandes, and a most hard & grieuous yoke: Wher-

fore they indeuour themselues (by all meanes they can possible deuise) to breake the societie of the faithfull, & vtterly to cast awaye all discipline : but seing that thou sittest in the heauens, and art not ignoraunt what the Deuill and wickednesse of the flesshe enterpriseth : laugh thou also their vaine counsels to scorne, and make such thinges as they haue begon & enterprised, of none effect, causing them in like maner to bee as a mocking & iesting stock vnto thy elect & chosen seruants. Do those mē to vnderstande thy heauie wrath, & at the length to be so terrified with ẏ fury of thy indignatiō, that they may haue no power or strength to destroy thy blessed Church, ouer the which thou hast set Jesus Christ our onely Sauiour, for to reigne therein with his blessed worde and holye spirite, with suche might and puissaunce as maye neuer haue ende. Vouchsafe therefore to giue vnto vs (although thy most vnworthy and trayterous children) so much faith and constancie, as we may both take him to be oure onely king, and also confesse hym so to bee, and wythout all doubting assure oure selues that we are hys

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Nation, people, and heritage: knowing this assuredly howe that he is of such force and power as he can torment and vexe whome he liste, with a dominion farre stronger then any steele, and breake them in peces like potsheards. Conuert therfore (O mightie God) the hearts of the kings of the earth, in such sort vnto thee, ỹ they may be so perfite wise, as truly to acknowledge, heartily imbrace, & louingly kisse thy deere & only sonne: least his ireful wrath being kindled & enflamed, they perishe immediatly: and make those which haue wholly committed themselues to thy protection, euermore happie and blessed, when it shall seeme good in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

ALthoughe (moste good and myghtie God) the Deuill fret, the powers of the worlde stande vp daylie, and the flesshe with all hir seruitors conspire against the kingdome of thy onely sonne Jesus Christ our Lord: let vs yet vnderstande, yea, let vs be perswaded through a constant faith

that thou doest despise and contemne all such: who (so soone as it pleaseth thee) are hable to destroye them in thy wrath and whote displeasure. But alack, seing in this confidence we are otentimes vnstable and moueable, in so much as we (being led alway by ouers terrours) doe obey thy commaundements lesse than it becommeth vs, we beseeche thee of thy fauourable and bountifull goodnesse to bee mercifull vnto vs, so that we may ground our selues stedfastly vpō this rock of faith, that thy sonne our king and redeemer hath in thee of all thinges the highest power and gouernement, for when thou didst beget him, thou gauest all Nations to hym, to rule and gouerne them by right of inheritaunce. Graunt therefore, that we maye once at length be so godlye, wyse, and so ryghtly instructed, as (serving thee wyth all reuerence and humble feare) wee bee not at the last daye lyke a potters vessell, consumed and brought to naught wyth the rod of thy indignation: through Iesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the thirde Psalme.

A prayer against our persecutors.

Theire armies (O most mercifull and mightie God) which assault and persecute thy Church, are increased aboue measure: for euen now verie many are so bolde as to disquiet and vexe the same, who doe cruelly rise vp agaynst it, hauing confidence truely in none other counsell, but that they imagine and determine with themselues, how that there is no more helpe for vs to be looked for at thy handes, as thoughe thou hast vterly abandoned and forsaken thy people, and berefte them of all manner of succour and defence. We denie not truely, considering the sinnes and wickednesses by which we haue offended thee, but that we haue deserued to be left destitute of thy help, and set out as laughing stockes to the despitefull dealings and iniuries of those which are the enimies of thy holye name. But notwithstãding for the faithes sake, which thorough thy fauourable mercie remayneth in vs, we are bolde to come nigh vnto thee and beseeche thee that amongst these cauti-

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lous & falſe brayings of our aduerſaries, thou wilt vouchſafe to geue vs ſomuch ſpirite & conſtancy, as we may not doubt, but that thou wilt be ỳ only defence, worſhip, & mighty reuenger of thy bleſſed people. Hauing this aſſured fayth & confidence, that if we ſhall craue thy ready help in our earneſt prayers, thou wilt without faile beare vs out of thy heauenly dwelling: yea, whilſt we doe wholy reſt and fully repoſe our hartes on this thy protection, we ſhall be ſo voyde of feare (euen in the middle of thouſands of our enimies) that we may according to oure accuſtomed maner, ſafely take our ſleepe, and wake agayne, becauſe we doe with a good and bolde courage ſtick ſtedfaſtly to thee alone. Wherefore ariſe (O mightie God) according to thys our aſſured truſt: and according to thy accuſtomed & wonted maner, breake the teeth of thoſe that boaſt themſelues againſt thee, ſo that they be not of force to teare & crafh thy ſacred Church in peeces at their owne wil and pleaſure: make them to vnderſtande that ſaluation belongeth vnto thee, & how thou canſt of thy fauourable goodneſſe, rid and deliuer thy bleſſed people out of theſe

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An other prayer out of the same psalme.

ALthough (O most mightie God) the force of Sathan and all malicious powers (who seeke to stop from vs the kingdome of thy deere sonne) seeme to augment and increase dayly more & more, and go about to bring vs in vtter dispaire, as though there were no succour nor helpe any more hereafter to be loked for of vs at thy hands, albeit we perceyue that sinne aboundeth much & increaseth greatly in vs, notwithstanding all this, we lift our head & hands vnto thee, who art our strong shield & glory, & desire thee (according to thy accustomed mercy) to pardon and forgiue those things ỹ we haue done amisse, and also to giue a fauorable & attentyfe eare vnto the prayers & supplications which we poure out before thy diuine maiestie: that being raised vp from heynous and deadly workes, and hauing a good affiaunce in thy louing mercy, we neede not to feare whole Millions of thine enimies, whome now by fayth, we

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knowe thou hast smitten vpon the cheeke bone, and dismaied vtterly. Graunt (O deare Father) that we may feele the plentiful abundaunce of thy blessing to be poured vpon vs, and be most assuredly perswaded that our saluation dependeth onely vpon thee: Through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the fourth Psalme.

A prayer for true fayth.

WE being streightly holde in with great perilles and distresses, crie vnto thee (O almighty God) that thou ayding vs with thy puyssaunt helpe, we may at length haue most large & pleasant passage out of the afflictions of this worlde. We acknowledge our selues to be vnworthie of thy assistaunce, bycause we haue verie often & greeuously declyned from thee: but our humble petition and earnest request is, that thou wouldest vouchsafe not to regarde euerie particuler and seuerall worke of oures, but the worthinesse of the cause. And forsomuch as (O God) thou thy selfe art accustomed to shew and approue in euerie point the righteous-

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nesse of thy blessed word, defend & vpholde nowe mightily thy high renowmed honor and Gospell, and vs also, who, according to thy will and pleasure are corrected and chastised. This is it that we bewaile and lament presently before thée, that ỹ mightie & puissaunt of this world, being vnited togither, go about by all the meanes they can, to deface the glory of thy sacred gospel and pure religion, yea, and vtterly to subuert it, by meanes of their foolishe deuises and vayne hopes, which of themselues they haue imagined. I would it were thy pleasure (O high and mightie God) openly to shewe and make manifest the beawtie of thy true Church vnto them, which thou hast picked out and chosen for thy selfe, and which also thou hearest so often as it prayeth & calleth faithfully vpon thée. So they should peraduenture vnderstand, so should they be rather moued, & haue a verie great regard they offēd it not. They would perhaps weigh with themselues, yea, euen in their bed they would consider, what a regarde they ought to haue vnto it, and so peraduenture they would be in quiet, and perswaded to offer with it the Sacrifices

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of true rightcousnesse: where as now being altogither blinde, they wishe nothing more then to satisfie their madnesse & outrage against the same, and esteeme it an high felicitie to subuert and vtterly ouerthrow ỳ true church. But so many of vs (O good God) as honor & worship thy diuine maiesty in spirite & truth, haue verie often prayed to thee for these our cruel enimies: yea when any good and prosperous things happened vnto thē, we did hartily reioyce. Graunt therefore (for thy infinite mercies sake) ỳ we may at the last lyue peaceably and in quiet by them: vouchsafe also (I saye) that reposing oure selues onely in thee, and assuredly stayed on thy faithfull couenaunt and promise, wē maye dwell with thee in safetie without feare, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

O Mightie God, from whom cōmeth all oure rightcousnesse, who of thy goodnesse art wont to giue eare to those ỳ crye earnestly vnto thee, and bring them out of straightnes & aduersitie into a sweete state

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of fredome & libertie: we humbly beſeche thée not to deſpiſe thy faithfull ſeruaunts yͤ cry and cal vnto thée for help, nor ſuffer our glory (which is true and perfect godlineſſe) to be brought into contempt of anye, although he be a great potentate and mightie ruler of this world. We haue in deede ſinned againſt thee, yea & that verie greuouſlye: but neuertheleſſe of thy infinite mercie & clemency, prouide that vanity and lying ouercome vs not, nor yet prꝛeuaile anything at all againſt vs, but as thou haſt elected & choſen vnto thy ſelfe thoſe whom thou wilt haue ſaued, ſo graunt that the grace and fauor of thy louing countenance may in ſuch wiſe ſhine vpõ vs, as we may be glad and reioyce euen at the proſperitie and welfare of our enimies: vouchſafe (O god Father) that we being grounded on an excellent and perfite fayth, maye take very great pleaſure in thée only, and truſting alſo in thy mightie protection, maye dwell ſafely in thée and with thée, through Jeſus Chriſt oure Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the fift Pſalme.

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A prayer against false Prophets and enimies of the truth.

WE flie daylie vnto thée in oure prayers (O almightie God) and doe earely in the morning direct and laye forth our petitions before thy diuine maiestye as those who be not ignorannt þ thou hatest iniquitie, and doest marueylously detest sinne: wherof, although we may not denie but þ wæ are guiltie (for we fæle our selues to be laden therewyth aboue measure) yet doe we flie and approch vnto thée for succor, trusting most assuredly in thy exceeding plentifull goodnesse and clemencie. Wherfore we beseeche thée to pardon and forgiue vs whatsoeuer we haue sinned and committed agaynst thee, and leade vs hereafter in thy righteousnesse and innocencie, least the aduersaries of our saluation (in whom verily there is no part whole and sounde, but all full of viciousnesse) preuayle against vs, let their counsels and deuises be of none effect, and cause their force and layings awaite to be vtterly consumed and brought to naught: so that we thy dære and faythfull children may perfitely reioyce, whilest thou doest defend, nourishe, and compasse vs about with thy fauourable kindnesse

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as with a shield: Through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the sixt Psalme.

A prayer in distresse.

SO it is, that we deserue wythout fayle (O most mightie God) by reason of the euilles and infinite sinnes we haue committed, to be grieuously and sharpely chastised at thy handes. Yet we beseeche thee, (trusting in thy excellent and exceeding great mercie) not to chastise vs in thy furious wrath and whot indignation: who tremble (O good Father) and are almost deade whilst wee consider on the one side our owne sinnes, and on the other side thy iustice: therefore we beseeche thee that thou wylt not (as we haue iustly deserued) thrust vs downe into the pit, because we can there neyther sing, nor by any meanes praise thee. Our enimies doe marueilously, yea and that with great feruencie desire it should so be, but haue thou (O good God) a regarde vnto the teares and clamours of those that trust in thee, and cause the authors and inuenters of iniquitie to depart and go farre

from vs. Finally giue eare vnto vs in such wise, that so many as are enimies to thy glorie and our saluation, may be ashamed and brought to vtter confusion: Through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the seuenth Psalme.

A prayer against the aduersaries of the Gospell.

THou knowest, O most mighty and mercifull God, wyth what an earnest affection the aduersaries of our saluation do both daye and night assaulte vs, who, (except thou be our ready helper) couet most cruelly like fierce & sauage beastes to haue vs torne in peeces & swallowed vp into euerlasting destruction. But like as we put oure trust and confidence in thée only, so our earnest desire is, that thou wilte succour and defende vs. We doe not lay forth our owne cause before thée, as though we had commytted none of these thynges whereof they accuse vs, but are perswaded that thou (of thine owne mercye) wilt pardon and forgiue vs the same, through the intercession of Iesus Christ our Mediator. Wherefore we humbly require and earnestly

nestly beseeche thee to stande vp for to be our helper, that thou wilt also direct, and as a most strong shield defende vs ỹ those cuils may fall from vs, and lyght vpon the authors of al temptations, deceites, & malicyousnesse, so as we may on the other side praise thée and set forth thy glorious name with all possible & studied cõmendations, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

Another prayer out of the same psalme.

IT is trulie a singuler and right excellẽt benefite (O almightie God) to be an obseruer & keper of thy blessed precepts, but yet such a one as they can not attaine and reach vnto, from whose eyes thou hast not taken away the vayle and cloke of darkenesse. Which being not remoued, the secret and hidden things of thy diuine lawe cannot be seene: wherefore we lamentably desire thée to helpe & lighten our infirmitie & blinde ignorance, that whilst we liue and remaine here as straungers and pilgrimes, thou wouldest not hide from vs the pure and right vnderstanding of thy blessed commaundements; wherwith, for

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¶ A prayer out of the eight Psalme.

A prayer in trouble for the fauour of Christ.

ALl the thinges (O most good & mercifull God) which thou hast created both in heauen & earth for our commodity and singuler profite, declare most euidently howe wonderfull and excellent thy glorious name is: and although thy goodnesse be spreade forth, and sene in all things, neuertheles euen the very infantes and sucking babes (whome from their mothers wombe thou causest to be cherished and brought vp wyth moste tender and louing carefulnesse) do giue vs such assurance thereof, that we cannot but warrant our selues al excellency of ꝑ same, insomuch that the infantes in the time of their noureing, & whē they begin to speak, do set before our eies most euidēt tokens of thy gentlenesse: by these wonderful things are all the wicked confounded which carpe and speake euyll of thy excellent goodnesse and diuine prouidence. The heauens truelye might haue bene thought a peece of worke worthy such a workemaister as thou art, but in that thou wouldest

so muche humble and abase thy selfe as to haue so careful a regard to fraile and mortall man, it appereth to be a signe and token of thy wonderfull vnspeakable loue towarde vs. Wherefore againe, and that worthily are we prouoked, (although we haue heynously sinned, & lyued vnworthily both in respect of thee & of our owne vocation) to begge and craue at thy handes with a verye earnest & assured confidence, not to permitte thy Churche to be ouerwhelmed with these present troubles. For if thou hast so highly extolled man to be little inferiour vnto Aungels, whereas otherwise, he is vyle of his owne nature: remember them much more I hartily beseech thee, whome thy hast nowe adopted to be thy deere children, and to whom thou wouldst (for thy mercies sake) haue all the workes of thy handes serue and be obedient, suffer them not to be troden vnder foote of vngodly and wicked persons. For thou hast alwayes accustomed to visite the children of men with thy fatherly care and prouydence: assist vs now also with thy readye helpe, when wee stande in moste neede thereof. Deliuer vs in such sort we humbly

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beſéech thée, that all men may well vnderſtande thy name thereby to bée right wonderfull (as moſt certainly it is,) and by all meanes poſſible worthy to be honored and made glorious, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

Another prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

Thy magnificence & renoumed glory (O almighty god) is well & ſufficiently ſet forth by theſe things which through thy excellent power & diuine prouidence, be done both in heauē & earth, notwithſtanding for the more & better ſtirring vp of our groſſe and leaden harts, thy power would ſet out it ſelfe alſo in babes & yong children. Euen frō our childhood we are miſerable & wretched, not by the workemanſhip & creation, by the which thou haſt made and fourmed vs, but through our originall and naturall ſinne, & an infinite number of faults that we our ſelues haue added thereto: for the which neuertheleſſe, wee humblye beſéeche thée, bée not ſo diſpleaſed with vs, but that (according to thy accuſtomed mercie) thou wilt often viſite

and loke vppon vs, and those whome thou hast made little inferiour vnto Aungels, make them partakers of thy owne nature. Finallye, seing that thou haste in lawfull wise made vs Lordes ouer all thy creatures, graunt that we maye vse them to the praise and glorie of thy name, so as thy sacred worde and Gospell maye be spreade abroade amongst all Nations, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the ninth Psalme.

A prayer against our enimies in persecution.

IF thou (O good God) wilt take our cause in hād, & reuenge vs vpō the enimies of thy glorious name & of mans saluation, we will (from the bottome of our hart, and with an exceading great gladnesse) shewe forth and celebrate thy wōderous and excellent actes: who be afflicted in deede with temptations & other like oppressions (by reason of our heynous sinnes) but we beseeche thee O bighe and mightie God (for thy goodnesse and mercies sake) that as thou hast accustomed to be a Sanctuarie and sure defence for the oppressed which flie vnto thee for succour,

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so now forsake vs not, neyther seme to be forgetful of the prayers that we vnfeinedlye poure out before thy diuine Maiestye. Haue mercy vpon vs (O good God) deliuer and rescue vs from the Gates of death, least we be swallowed vp therewith: being aided and holpen by thee, we shal shew forth thy worthy prayses in the congregation, namely, because our trust hath not bene reposed in thee in vaine. Arise therefore, and suffer not impietie, vnrighteousnesse, and sinne to preuayle agaynst vs, but graunt also, that we bearing well in minde oure owne estate and condition, maye with a modest and lowlye minde, be alwayes obedient to thy will and pleasure, through Iesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

Another prayer out of the same psalme.

IT happened verie often in our fathers dayes (O most mightie God) that thy people were filled with a wonderful & vnspeakable gladnes, who being replenished with exceeding great ioye, did set forth thy glorious name with songes, and celebrated

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thée with high prayses, and that with their whole heart, bicause they (hauing thée for their rock of defence) droue their enimies back in the daye of battayle, who fell and perished at thy presence. Neyther hast thou onely once giuen sentence on the behalfe of thy saintes, or defended their cause, but didst oftentimes rebuke and destroye the Heathen that purposed in themselues to subuert the famous Cytyes of thy people with an vtter ruyne, and haste puyssauntlye ouerthrowne suche wicked men, insomuche, as euen the very name of them is also abolished. Seing therefore that thou reignest eternallye, and hast alwayes a seate prepared for iudgement, to the intent thou mayest presently trie oute the truth, as touching the spilling and shedding of thy Saintes bloud. Despise not neyther yet contemne our hartie prayers (O mightie God) nor be thou forgetfull of them. We know verily that we haue sinned and offended thy excellent maiestie dyuers & sundry wayes, which nowe we are both hartily sorie for, and also doe openlye confesse the same: yet through the confidence we haue conceyued

ceyued by the things which thou (O Lord) hast done for our fathers, (though of their partes vndeserued) we draw nere vnto thy diuine Maiestie and humbly beseeche thee to be fauorable vnto thy Church: haue a regarde (we hartily pray thee) vnto hir great trouble, and deliuer the same from the cruell gates of death, so that it maye daylye be able to celebrate thy worthye prayses more feruentlye. Extende thy wrathe towardes them that are forgetfull of thee: lette them perishe in their owne crafts and deceites, and be taken in the nettes that they themselues haue laid, which (with such greedie indeuor and violence) seeke thy peoples destruction and vtter vndoing. But let vs (that are helpelesse and grieuously afflicted) take a little breth and receiue some comfort vnder thy strong defence & mighty protectiõ. Vp lord and suffer not vile mortal men to haue the vpper hand of thee and thy holye Gospell: put our enimies in feare, and terrefie them in such sort, as they may vnderstand what a thing it is to set themselues against true godlynesse and pure religion, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

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¶A prayer out of the tenth Pſalme.

A prayer agaynſt enimies and tyraunts.

SEing that (O moſt good & mercifull God) our beliefe and confidence is, that thou art not onely the chiefe good thing, but godlyneſſe it ſelfe: we earneſtly deſire thée not to turne and withdrawe thy countenaunce from vs, as ſometime thou ſéemeſt to doe. For although we do not deny but that our ſinnes haue deſerued that puniſhment, yet we humbly beſéech thée, (euen as thou art right gentle and mercifull) to pardon and forgiue vs the ſame: and that contrarie to oure deſertes, thou wilt notwithſtanding, fauour oure cauſe (for the glorie of thy name) to the intent the vngodlye may well vnderſtande that they beguile themſelues in thinking thée to bée no GOD, neyther meaneſt at anye time to looke for an accompt at their handes, of the heynous déedes and crymes which they doe wickedly commit: who laye ſnares, oppreſſe, beat, and miſerably kill the godly, being nowe fully perſwaded that thou haſt forgotten and art vtterlye

lye vnmindfull of the ſtate of the worlde. Will therefore aſſiſt thoſe whiche call vpon thée, and louingly giue eare vnto their humble petitions, ſo that the Godlye (being by thée ſet at libertie) may teache the proude and oppreſſors to behaue themſelues after a more modeſt faſhion, when as it ſhall bée manifeſtly knowen that thou haſt a moſt vigilant care and regard of thy beloued Church, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

Another prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

THou mightеſt be thought (O moſte mercifull father) to haue withdrawne thy ſelfe maruelous farre off from thy ſeruaunts, in this moſt troubleſome tyme of affliction, inſomuch as with cloſed vp eies thou forgetteſt to looke and beholde what the wicked Antichriſtes (with an extréme pride and ſet obſtinacie) attempt and enterpriſe agaynſt thy faythfull people, becauſe the thinges they deuiſe haue ſo good and luckie ſucceſſe: whereby it commeth to paſſe that they ſticke not to blaſpheme thée, yea, and be perſwaded that there is no

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God, & bicause thou seemest to haue withdrawne al kind of punishment from them, their opinion and beléefe is, that they shall neuer fall, and assure themselues that their estate will be alwayes prosperous, whereby they haue no measure in periuries, deceites, iniuryes, and dishonestie, they kill thy faithfull seruauntes, both openly and priuily, they do assayle, vexe, and oppresse thy blessed Church, thinking (O good god) that thou regardest not the same, nor hast any care at all thereof. But although wee haue now wel deserued that thou shouldst turne away thy eyes from our calamityes, and to consider nothing at al our troubles, in that wée haue grieuously sinned, and béene marueylous vngratefull for thy notable benefits (abusing our vocation, Gospell, and Sacramentes, and dispising the libertie offered vnto vs) to serue thée according to ỹ expresse rule of thy sacred word: yet we acknowledge and confesse our selues to haue committed all these thinges against thée, and other innumerable detestable factes, whereof we do nowe earnestly craue perdon, and most humbly beseeche thee at length to arise, and (with thy mightie

tie hande) to repꝛelle the wicked from the blaſphemies, wherewith he hath both rayled agaynſt thée and thy bleſſed doctrine: we commit our ſelues wꝛetched creatures and miſerable caytifes vnto thée, who of thy owne accoꝛde bleſt to bæ an helper to the poꝛe and diſtreſſed. Breake thou yet once at length the power of the vngodlye, heare the pꝛayers of the afflicted, and finally deliuer the oppꝛeſſed, ſo that they being ſet frœ from ſo great terrours, may gine due thanks vnto thée in thy ſacred church, foꝛ thy great mercye and compaſſion, thoꝛow Jeſus Chꝛiſt our Loꝛd. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xj. Pſalme.

A pꝛayer againſt the temptation of fayth.

IN thée (O moſt good and mightye God) repoſe wée our whole truſt and confidence, therfoꝛe when our fleſhe, when humaine wiſedome, when alſo the vngodly do obiect and lay to our charge that our cauſe is turned vpſide downe, and quite ouerthꝛowne, neyther any helpe at all left foꝛ the maintenance of the true doctrine and the moſt holy and ſacred Goſpell, wée are not foꝛ all this perſwaded

ſwaded to diſpaire of thy mercy & power: who ſee in deede that the enimies of thy glorious name haue bent the bowe of their pupſſaunce, and made ready their arrowes to pearce and ſhote vs thorow: Moreouer wee alſo wey and conſider that our ſelfe hath beene ſuch as we deſerue all maner of euill hap and miſerie that may bee, who haue not done after thy will as it became obedient children, no, but haue alwaies hitherto (which now ſore greeueth vs) rebelled agaynſt thy holy commaundementes. Yet nowe with all humilitie do we craue pardon for our ſinnes, and are very bolde to require this of thee, through the confidence wee haue in thy excellent goodneſſe, and ſinguler clemencie, that thou (which haſt thy exceding princely palace and moſt holy ſeate in the heauens, from whence it is thy accuſtomed wont to loke downe, and fire thine eyes vpon all thinges that are done on the earth) wilt at length diligently trie out the equitie of this cauſe, and loke vpon the vngodlyneſſe and cruelties of our enimies: But reſtraine thou and kéepe backe (which haſt very often vſed to caſt fire, brimſtone, and burning

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thunderboltes vpon the vngodlye) at the leaſt wiſe the cruell perſecutors of thy bleſſed Churche, to the intent all men maye knowe (that thou beyng moſt righteous) doeſt fauour the right cauſe, and wilt bee our ſtrong defence, who haue taken vpon vs an earneſt zeale and loue of thy moſt glorious name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

Another prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

When we (O moſt good and mightye God) do put our whole truſt and cõfidence in thee ſo much as in vs lyeth, the deſires of our owne fleſhe, the counſayles of the vngodly, and the temptations of Sathan do not ſleepe or ceaſe, wherewith wee are alured day and night to renounce and vtterly forſake all Godlineſſe, as thoughe we ſhould be wholy oppreſſed and vanquiſhed with the ſtrength of bowes, of arrowes, and other force of our wicked enimies, if we go on forwarde to leade ſuch a life as becommeth thy ſeruauntes. But we (notwithſtanding we be compaſſed about and ouerwhelmed with greauous ſinnes,

and iniquitie) yet neuerthelesse vpon the sure trust and confidence that we haue in thy rich mercy, we humbly besech thee first to forgiue vs our heynous offences who do acknowledge and confesse the same vnto thy diuine Maiestie: And that then thou wouldest (out of thy celestiall and heauenly palace) shewe forth thy louing countenaunce to be our most strong helper, that at what tyme thou hast tryed and proued the case on both partes with an equall ballance, then the enimies of godlinesse maye be iustly punished according to their owne desertes, and on the contrary part thy beloued seruauntes trie by receyuing of saluation that thou art a defender of equitie and vpright dealing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xij. Psalme.

A praier against humaine, false, erronious doctrine.

IN so great a want and scarsitie of good and godly men, thou onely (O most mercifull and mightie God) remaynest to be our strong defence: Wherefore we drawe neere and approche vnto thee with these our dayly prayers beseeching

séeching thy diuine Maiestie to helpe at length our most troublesome and afflicted estate : For vnlesse thou mightily defendest thy louing Church, howe can it be in safety amongst such kinde of enimies, who do not kéepe any maner of fidelitie, and go alwayes aboute to deceyue plaine simple persons with vaine lyes and false flattering wordes, neuer faythfullye thinking that in their hart which they vtter by word of mouth : Deliuer vs not ouer (O most mercifull father) to be handled of them as our sinnes and wickednesse deserue : but in this case haue an especiall regarde to the glory of thy puyssaunt name, the mightye increasing of thy Gospell, and the farre passing faythfulnesse of thy louing promises: this do not (for our sakes) but for the causes here shewed and mencioned : beare not with these men that séeke to augment and enlarge their owne power only, which being straungers to Godlinesse, haue no knowledge at all of thée : Looke vpon the great affliction and groninges of thy blessed Church : arise vp nowe and helpe vs, according to thy mercifull promises : For thy wordes are white and more pure then

the moſt excellent and fineſt ſilver. Finally ſeing every ſort of wicked and vngodly perſons did contẽne with all the witte and induſtrie they can, to bee moſte mightie, defende thou thy Church (for thy infinite mercies ſake) from thoſe mens extreame iniuryes and cruell oppreſſions, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

FOrſomuch as (O heauenly father) during the time we liue in this tranſitory worlde amongſt fraile mortall creatures, of Godly true dealing and faythfull perſons, there is marueylous great want, whereas, contrariwiſe, men may ſee a wonderfull company of vngodly perſons, deceytfull men, flatterers, & ſuch as be great talkers, and ſpeake very prowde wordes: we poure out our humble prayers before hande, vnto thee, who art our refuge, beſeeching thee, that thou wouldeſt not ſo weigh and regard thoſe things which wee haue frowardly committed againſt thee, as to giue vs ouer vnto the luſt and furye of wicked and lewde men, according to our

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iust deserts. But rather (for thy great mercyes sake, which is marueyldous ample and exceeding large) arise, and with thy mightie power, deliuer those that trust in thee, from the snares, deceipt, and subtile wiles which the enimies of all godlines do practise and imagin continually against them: that whilest thou art their defence & mightie preseruer from the wicked and moste cursed generation, all men may vnderstand thy promises and wordes to be both garnished with a singuler and vnspeakeable veritie, and also most pure and vncorrupt from euery spotte of deceyuablenesse and vaine leesing, through Jesus Christ oure Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the xiij. Psalme.

A praier that we dispayre not in trybulation.

Whilest that the Godly (O most mightie God) do see themselues vexed with grieuous afflictions, and tossed with painefull miseries, they greatly feare that thou art forgetfull, and takest thy grace and fauour vtterly away fro them. Graunt that suche maner of thoughtes and suspicions be not

graft and fixed in our minds: for surely we deserue to be vtterly left and quite forsaken of thée, by reason of our most heynous offences: but suffer not O good God (for thy most glorious names sake) the stoute arrogant enimies of Godlinesse, eyther to preuaile any thing at all or haue occasion to triumphe ouer thy faythfull seruauntes like victorious conquerors: illuminate and lighten the eyes of our minde (we humblie beséech thée) with thy holy spirit, that wée séeing and right well allowing those thinges which be most iust, may neyther honor nor worship thée amisse, nor yet become slouthfull towardes the amendment of our sinfull life: for so shall all occasion of reioysing and vaunting be quite taken from our aduersaries, and we haue great cause to render eternall thankes vnto thy diuine Maiestie as thou hast right well deserued, through Jesus christ our lord. Amē.

¶ A prayer out of the .xiiij. Psalme.

A praier that we may perceuer in the nūber of true christians.

TAke away from thy déere children (O most mightie God) those notorious wicked Counsels and fo-

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lishe imaginations, whereby we may surmise in our mindes that thou art no God at all: and although thou knowest well ynoughe that we haue oftentymes erred & gone astray from the true path of righteousnesse, for which cause sake, we haue very well deserued euen like bread and most delicious meate, of them to be deuoured and vtterly consumed as are the most mischieuous and furious enimies of godlines. We humblie beseech thée, that as thou hast promised to ayde and assist the generation of these men, and all such as put their trust in thée, so thou wouldest not forsake vs being thus extréme miserable & greauously afflicted. Let thy help appeare and shew forth it selfe out of the heauenlye Sion, that when thou hast deliuered vs from the bondage and corruption of sinne, death, and the Deuill, thy beloued Church maye not onely be chered and refreshed, but also be exceding ioyous, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xv. Psalme.

Seing that (O most mighty god) none can inhabite and dwell in perpetuall felicitie and thy heauenly kingdom, but such as haue beene voyde of fault, and vndefiled fro the filthie corruption of wickednesse, who haue in suche wise yelded and dedicated their heart, tongue, and outward workes, to the honor of thy blessed name, that they do omit or let slip by negligence or malice none of thy sacred cõmaundements. Hereby we nowe perceyue and right well vnderstand (that if we should be dealt withal as our owne deserts are, and according to the worthinesse of our workes) how farre of we be from thence, so as we may in a maner dispayre and be altogither doubtfull of our saluation: but (trusting in thy excellent goodnesse) we boldely demaunde this at thy mercifull handes, that (the merits of our deedes beyng layde apart) thy faythfull promises maye according to our assured hope, still remaine most firme and stable, and vouchsafe to graunt vnto vs receyued againe into thy louing fauour, that being henceforth adourned with the ornamentes of perfite righteousnesse, sincere truth,

truth, and pure loue, we maye neuer be drawen away from the habitation of thy blessed felicitie, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xvj. Psalme.

A prayer that we may not perishe by fayth, but attayne vnto glory therby.

FOrasmuch as we are so poore (O most deere father of heauen) and thou so exceeding rich in al thinges, and thy workes most noble and plentiful, surely nothing is giuen vnto vs, nor any thing at all in our power whereby we may eyther merite or increase thy most blessed estate and felicitie: but yet seing that our whole trust and assiaunce dependeth on thee onely, we humbly present our selues, and fall downe before thy diuine Maiestie, beseeching thee to preserue vs from those ruins which inuirons compasse vs about on euery side. And our heynous sinnes wherewith thou well perceyuest vs to be ouerladen, being pardoned, graunt that as thou art become our rightful inheritaunce, so we may wholy set our ioy and delight in thee again, and accompt it a most pleasant comely thing to set fayth

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and commend thée onely and none else: instruct thou vs, counsaile thou vs, & be thou alwaies before our eies, least we swarue at any tyme from the right way, so that we may with great ioy (during this mortall life) remaine and abide in thée, and after the most and glorious resurrection be partakers of those euerlasting & perfect pleasures, which we beleue do consist onely in thy most mightie will and power, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xvij. Psalme.

I praier that ur enimies nay not get he victorie ver vs.

Thy blessed Churche prayeth thée (O most mightie God) and lifteth vp hir voice daily vnto thy throne, beseeching thée to weigh and consider at one time or other hir most righteous cause: wherefore giue care and haue regarde vnto the prayers which the faythfull sort poure out before thée with an vnfayned heart: who knowe verie well that we are laden and burthened with other innumerable sinnes, so as we are faine at all tymes humbly to craue pardon of thée for the same; but as for those which oure

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aduersaries doe lay to our charge, wée are nothing giltie in them: wherefore if thou thy selfe (who art a most righteous iudge) be examined in this case, we knowe nothing can be found that by thy holy wordes may be condemned. But our whole doing is onely for this ende and purpose, that the renuing and setting vp againe of religion and true godlinesse may be aduaunced, to the intent thy blessed commaundementes might be duly obserued, and thy sacred law with more sinceritie obeyed: And whereas this care and studie hath brought vpon vs most extreme perils, yea almost vtter destruction, vnlesse thou remoue and turne the same away quite from vs: we humbly beseech thée to hold vp and strengthen our goynges in thy pathes with a puyssaunt steadinesse, which are otherwise of themselues very slipperie, that we may neither stand in doubt, nor be discouraged in these kinde of distresses. Thou mayest hereby make thy excellent goodnesse (O mercifull God) to be much maruciled and wondered at, if thou wilt defende those that trust in thee at a tynte vnlooked for, yea, thou shalt not onely reuenge vs thy louing seruants

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by that meanes, but thy selfe also, forsomuch as they haue chiefly risen vp and bet themselues against thee. Hide vs therefore vnder the shadowe of thy winges, and the more prosperous successe that they seeme to haue in their doynges, so that now they hang vpon our neches like hungry Lions, the more a great deale preuent thou their furye, and speedily deliuer and rescue the life of thy faithfull seruauntes out of theyr handes, and vnto the same graunt, that by acknowledging & confessing thee, they maye both in this life, and in the life to come, be farre more happy and blessed then their enimies, bicause they reioyce & vaunt themselues aboue measure in their present luckie estate, through Iesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

Another prayer out of the same psalme.

FOr this intent and purpose we nowe pray (O most mightie God) bicause we nothing at all mistrust but that thou wilt harken and giue care to our humble petitions, which we poure out before thee, not of hypocrisie and double dealing, but sincerely

cerely and from the heart: for seeing that we desire to be tryed rather by thy iudgement then mans, graunt that when wee are sore tempted and proued by greeuous aduersities, nothing maye be found in vs whereby we should be condemned and adiudged to perpetuall destruction: but forsomuch as we are naturally euill, how can this thing come to passe, vnlesse thou doe stay and gouerne our steps with thy excellent grace and holy spirite, and so vpholde and vndersette vs, as thy vnspeakeable mercy may wonderfully vtter and shewe forth it selfe by our saluation? defende and kepe vs therefore from all men which resist the force of thy glorious Gospell, and striue agaynst thy holy will somuch as in them lyeth. Thou seest what diligent watch our enimies lay for vs, and howe lyke deuouring Lions they couet to praye vpon vs: they are as swordes (O good God) prepared to be the handes and instrumentes of thy indignation: defende and kepe vs nevertheless vnder the shadowe and moste sure defence of thy wings, that during this wretched life, wee may be comforted with thy fauourable countenaunce, and in the

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blessed resurrection, haue with an exceding great pleasure, the fruition of thy glorious presence, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xviij. Psalme.

A prayer to be deliuered out of great distresse.

WE acknowledge and confesse thée (O most mightie God) to be our onelye health, buckler, defence, strength, and sure refuge, and therefore do wée both earnestly loue thée, and greatly couet to publishe and set forth thy worthy prayse euerlastingly: but our extreme enimies do now thus greuously oppresse vs, bicause our sinnes deserue the same, so that we (being sore discomforted) are almost in the straite pangues and anguishes of death: wherefore it séemeth that no other helpe and succour remayneth for vs, but to make our eye vnto thée, and to direct our prayers towardes thy mercies seate, vnto whom, séeing that the Mountaines, the earth, the heauens, lightnings, windes, clowdes, raynes, hayle, and tempestes are obedient without any delaye or gainsaying, it shall be a thing most easy for thée

thée to rid and deliuer vs from the force of our outragious enimies, although they bée neuer so mightie, which we earnestly require (O good God) that thou wouldest vouchsafe to graunt vnto the seruent prayers of thy sacred Churche, hauing no regard at all to our lewde deserts, but chiefly to thy exceeding great clemencye and vprightnesse of the cause it selfe, so that thou mayst deale holily with the holy: and contrariwise vpon the wicked sende trouble and aduersitie: preserue thy afflicted people according to thy accustomed maner, and in so great darckenesse lighten them with the bright lampe of fayth and perfite wisdome, to the intent they may acknowledge none other buckler or defence but thee onely. Graunt vs (O most deere father) so to walk without fal or stumbling, as the féete of our fayth may not stacker in such great perilles: arme and strengthen thy beloued seruants to battaile, and confound them (O most mightie God) who go about to gainsay and resist thée, to the intent thy blessed name may be spoken of and magnified amongst all Nations, bycause thou hast giuen great and glorious

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prosperitie vnto thy renowmed Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Another prayer out of the same Psalme.

SEing that we are verye weake by nature, and compassed about on euery side with most thicke clowdes of darknesse, we come vnto thée (O most mightie God) and require at thy handes that the splendent light of thy holy spirite may bée kindled in our heartes, for so shall we vnderstand thy vndefiled word, and most vncorrupt spéech of thy sacred scriptures, wherein it is most cléerely and euidently promised that thou wilt be an excellent strong defence for all such as haue their onely affiaunce in thée. The sinnes truly which we haue committed, deserue not that we should obteyne so much fauour and helpe at thy hande: but our earnest desire is that these things may happen vnto vs euen for the glory of thy most renowmed and excellent name. Forsomuch as therefore none other God is to be sought out or founde, who may be compared with thée eyther in power, or godnesse, garnishe thou vs with holinesse, and

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girde vs about with such strength, as we may once be led out and vtterly deliuered from imminent daungers, and obteyne full triumphe and conquest ouer the enimies both of thy glorie and our saluation, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Another prayer out of the same psalme.

WE can not chose, (O most mightie and mercifull God) but earnestlye loue thee, seeing that (by the fayth whiche thou hast giuen vs) we well perceyue thee to be our onely refuge, stay, and deliuerer: for our sinnes haue oftentymes purchased vnto vs most deadly griefes, and mightye and valiaunt enimies, who haue (like vehement streames of water) enuironed and compassed vs aboute with tribulations, snares, yea and death it selfe: but thou (O good God) who as thou (being the soueraigne Lord of all thinges) art knowne to haue thy throne in heauen, euen so for thy infinite mercies sake, haue respect vnto vs, and when thou hast remitted and pardoned our offences, vouchsafe that we maye be deliuered from thy wrath, and extreme

punishments which thou art wont to laye vpō ẏ vngodly. And graūt that whilest we inuocate & cal vpon thée, our loud cries and earnest prayers be not poured out in vaine, through Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

THou knowest (O mercifull and most mightie God) howe many and howe great aduersaries we haue both within and without, who as they can not alwaye with thy name and glorie, so do they also most lewdly & wickedly repine at our saluation: wherefore we do not without iust cause, humbly sue vnto thée, that as thou hast often deliuered vs out of the daungerous perilles of damnation and perpetuall destruction, so now also (notwithstanding the most grieuous and heynous offences which we haue committed against thée, and for ẏ which we repent vs at this time of them from the bottome of our heart) it would please thée to fortefie and strength vs in such wise with thy assistaunce, as we may banquishe and ouercome what thing soeuer hath set it selfe against thy glorious kingdome,

kingdome, whereby we maye at length thewe forth and magnifie thée onely in the chiefest assemblies of men for our alone defender and excellent sauiour, throughe Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Another prayer out of the same psalme.

SEing that we are (O heauenly father) during this miserable life, wrapped in and compassed about with an infinite nũber of perilles, we direct our humble prayers and hartie petitions vnto thée, to the intent thou wouldest stretche forth thy mightie arme to be our defence, and not suffer the great and verie strong enimyes of oure saluation to preuayle agaynst vs. When we are most busily vexed and afflicted of them (O god God) make it manifest that thou art our mighty protector & redy defender. There is no righteousnesse or puritie in our workes which we maye vaunt and boast off in thy presence: wée franckiye acknowledge and confesse that we haue greatly strayed from thy holy precepts. Neuertheleſſe yet pardon (according to thy accustomed wont and mercie) the

grieuous sinnes committed by vs, and vouchsafe of thy gracious fauour, to graūt that we may hereafter liue as becommeth thy chosen, blessed, and innocent people, so ỳ (on the other side) we may finde thee elect, holy, and hurtlesse vnto vs, throughe Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xix. Psalme.

prayer that we may be partakers of Gods diuine worde.

THy wonderfull power, wisdome, and goodnesse (O most mightie God) which thy nature is exceeding plentifully indued withall, sheweth it selfe in all places vnto vs, by those things which thou hast fourmed and created. The heauen truly with all his ornaments, with the alteration of tymes, with the brightnesse of the Starres, and of the most whote burning Sunne, are nothing else but plain voices and a vniuersal doctrine for all sortes of people, by ỳ which the prayses of thy Maiestie are most amply blazed and set forth. Wherfore we confesse howe that we can make no excuse at all of our so slender confidence and feeble loue towardes thee: who ought truelye to haue

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bene assuredly perswaded by the authoritie of these thinges, that we should vnseperably cleaue vnto thee alone, being the chiefe and principall causer of so many good workes bestowed vpon vs: but, alas (these admonishments not regarded) we haue followed, the lustes and desires of our filthie flesshe, with mad imaginations and feyned thinges of our owne braine, and made very little accompt of thee, who art the Creator and maker of all thinges. And for that cause doe well deserue the afflictions which we are assayled with, who haue not onelye dispised and had in contempt the workes of nature, that should haue allured and drawne vs vnto thee, but haue coldely & altogither vnprofitably heard thy worde, that is to say, the holy Scripture, and Gospel of thy deere and welbeloued sonne, prouoking thy indignation towardes vs by that from whence we shoulde to the comfort of our soules, haue drawne out wisedome, light, ioyfulnesse, and perfect righteousnesse: but although we now seeme (for these weighty considerations) most vnworthie of thy mercie, yet we instantly require thee to pardon and forgiue vs, and not to

afflict thy Church accoꝛding to hir deserts. Graunt (we humbly beseech thée) that we may hereafter to our great pꝛofite and cõfoꝛt haue these thy creatures in estimation: and let thy woꝛdes be not only swéeter vnto vs than hony, but farre exceéde all the ioy and pleasure of this woꝛld. Take from vs our heynous sinnes, and shewe thy selfe to be a true defender and redéemer of thy chosen people, thꝛough Jesus Chꝛist oure Loꝛde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE vnderstande it commeth to passe thꝛough thy excellẽt goodnesse (O almightie God) ỹ the knowledge of thée may be graft and impꝛinted in mennes mindes, by the fourme, oꝛder, and most beautifull comlinesse of the thinges that be created, whom the circles and globes of the Heauens, the continuall alteration of the day and night, and most goodly bꝛightnesse of the sunne, do declare to be their most wise Creatoꝛ, & with woꝛdes plain ynough doe teach vs both to knowe, and also to wonder at thy Maiestie: herevnto are added thy

written lawes, which haue brought vnto vs mortall creatures, the true wisedome, the testimonie of thy will, the substanciall pleasure of the soule, & heauenly delicates. But as we be lewd and wicked wretches, so haue we neuer made an ende of abusing both these most faythfull scholemaisters. Therefore our earnest requeste is that thou wouldest vouchsafe to pardon and forgiue wherin we haue offended thee, contrary to the admonitions of so worthy instructions: and graunt vs hereafter so attentiuely to beholde with due fruct, the creation and workmanship of ỳ world, that we may become very earnest obseruers of thy sacred lawes, through Jesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xx. Psalme.

A prayer for ỳ prosperous succesſe of christs kingdome against the enimies therof.

OUr dayly petition is (O almighty god) that the kingdome of our Lorde Jesus Christ may be augmented, and appeare at length to be most perfect, which thing we indeed also desire very instantly in our harty prayers and humble supplications. We alwayes

mindfull thereof (O good God) of his fatte and moſt pleaſant oblation which he made for vs vpon the Aultare of the Croſſe, and graunt that by the tryumphe of his moſte perfect victorie and conqueſt, wée maye take both ſaluation and delyghtfull pleaſure: Althoughe wée denie not but that the ſame ſhall come to paſſe without oure deſerts, who haue (throughe our manifolde wickednesſe) offended thée very many and infinite wayes: yet (for thy tender louing mercies ſake) put them to ſhame and confuſion, that repoſe all their truſt in Charets, horſe, and worldly power: but raiſe and lift vp to ſaluation ſuch as are wholy bent to depend vpon thée, and bow downe thy merciful and fauourable eares to heare the feruent prayers and petitions whiche we make vnto thy diuine Maieſtie, for the mightie inlarging of our Lord Ieſus chriſt his kingdome, throughe the ſame Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xxj. Pſalme.

A prayer for the prayſe and augmentation of the Goſpell.

WE confeſſe with a ſinguler ioy (O moſt mightie God) that Ieſus Chriſt our king being indued

ed with power and honour after his resurrection, doth abide and liue with thée. And forsomuch as he hath nowe obteyned and gotten most largely whatsoeuer may bée wished or desired, tending to moste perfect and euerlasting blessednesse, it can not otherwise be but that verye much of his saluation, giftes, and glory be shedde abroade and light vpon vs also, which are his members. Of which felicitie and most singuler gift, although we acknowledge and confesse our selues most vnworthie, by reason of our wicked maners and vngodlye life: yet forsomuch as we heartily repent vs of them, we are nothing doubtfull of his redy helpe, but doe also most assuredly beleue that he will once vanquishe, and bring to nought so many as do aduaunce and sette themselues agaynst hys glorious Kingdome. Graunt (wée humblye beséeche thée, moste dœre father) that their pestiferous deuices being of none effect, thy high and famous power may at length bée so knowen and manifested, as we may alwayes shew forth thy worthy prayses and passing wonderous workes, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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¶ A prayer out of the .xxij. Pſalme.

A prayer for Gods fauour in diſtreſſe.

THou couldeſt indure and ſuffer that our Lorde Jeſus Chriſt thy Sonne (O moſt mightie God) ſhould ſo be tormẽted on the croſſe for the ſinnes of men, that he did appeare to be vtterly forſaken of thée and left voide of all helpe. Thou which wert wont to ayde and ſuccour thy Saintes at what tyme they called vpon thee, ſéemedſt to contemne our Sauiours prayers, as though he had béene a worme and no man, the verye abiect of all mankinde, and the outcaſt of the people: and at length ſufferedſt him to die a very ſhamefull death by the hands of the furious raging Jewes, who came and fell vpon him as they had béene mad dogs, fierce bulles, and roaring Lions. Whom notwithſtanding thou diddeſt rayſe afterwarde from death in ſuche glorious wiſe, that for the ſame cauſe his faythfull members doe alwayes laude and celebrate thy excellent name: therefore we heartily pray and humbly beſeche thée (for that thy moſt abundant mercye wherewith thou wert

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moued in such wise to permit so many euils to happen vnto thy onely beloued son for our sakes) not to suffer the cause of thy most afflicted Church to come into ruine and decay. We acknowledge our sinnes to be passing horrible, for the which not onely a temporall, but also an immortall death is due: yet looke thou not vpon vs (O mightie God) in respect of that we are our selues, but because we be members of thy deere and onely begotten sonne, effectually preseruing and mightily defending our cause in the Gospell, being also thy cause, and which the aduersaries of the gospell iudge that thou hast left destitute and vtterly forsaken, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

FOrsomuch as thy sonne our lord Iesus Christ (O most mightie God) suffered in such wise for our redemption sake as he might seeme to be cast out of thy sight and vtterly forsaken of thee: who being ouerwhelmed on the Crosse with the waues and sourges of a most bitter death, at the

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laſt dyed, and (being made a moſt innocent ſacrifice) ſuffered the paynes and tormentes which we had iuſtly deſerued. Then being rayſed from death after thꝛée dayes, appeared to his diſciples, and manifeſtly ſhewed forth and publiſhed thy excellent name and glorie, none otherwiſe then he accuſtomablye vſed a little before to doe while he liued among them. Séeing that therefore we both acknowledge and alſo confeſſe our ſelues to haue béene abuſers of ſuch an vnſpeakable mercie and infinite clemencie, we humbly flée vnto thée hartily prayying that whom thou haſt graunted and ordeyned to be ingrafted and to ſpring a newe in ſo excellent a Mediator (who is the authour and onely preſeruer of our ſaluation) thou wouldeſt graunt the ſame to be pricked forwarde and ſtirred vp, ſomuch as in vs lyeth, to ſéeke for all true godlyneſſe, ſo that not onely the whole number of vs which be now liuing, but all mortall men alſo that ſhall liue hereafter may be drawne to worſhip and ſerue thée alone, holily and after a moſt chaſte maner, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

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Another prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

Thy Sonne our Lord Jeſus Chriſt (O moſt good and mightie God) ſuffered maruelous bitter puniſhmentes, and extræme painefull torments for the ſaluatiõ of mankinde. For when he had layde the ſinnes of the worlde vpon himſelfe, it behoued him to be vexed ſo fiercely and outragiouſly, as he might ſuffer the full puniſhment for them all. Finallye, being nayled vnto the Croſſe, he ſpent his moſte ſweete life for vs, vnto whom he hath, by that meanes purchaſed pardon & forgiuenneſſe of ſinnes, thy louing friendſhip, and eternall life, if we ſhall faythfully beleue his ſacred doctrine and bleſſed goſpell. But alas, as we be very weake in fayth, ſo are we lightly forgetful of ſuch great and manifolde benefites: yea we rather liue as men vnworthye of the redemption that was of ſo mightie a price vnto our moſte innocent lord. For which cauſe we bewail this calamitie in thy preſence (O heauenly father) humbly praying and earneſtly beſeeching thee not to ſuffer vs to be vtterly

ly deſtitute of the fruite of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt his Croſſe and death, who liueth and reigneth with thée euermore worlde without ende. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xxiij. Pſalme.

A praier that God woulde both feede & defende vs.

ALl ſuch as haue thée (O moſt mightie God) for their ſhepherd, do leade their life exceéding happily, as thoſe who haue alwayes fede abundantly ynough of thy heauenly doctrine, and moſt fruitfull and plenteous watering of the holy Ghoſt, whereby they may be renued, and comforted ſo often as they ſhall be oppreſſed with the miſhaps of this wretched worlde, or wearied with the afflictions of the perſecution thereof. Although therefore we acknowledge and confeſſe our ſelues vnworthie of thy gouernaunce and ſhepherdlike care ouer vs, who haue verie often diſpiſed thée and thy ſacred worde, and (by reaſon of oure moſt greeuous and innumerable tranſgreſſions) deſerue to bée thruſt out of thy bleſſed ſhéepefoldes: notwithſtanding we hauing confidence in thy great mercie and goodneſſe, which is vnto

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thy proper and naturall, humbly beseeche thy goodnesse that thou wouldest vouchsafe to gather vs home as lost sheepe vnto thy selfe, and suffer vs not to wander and stray without thee, through the wide desertes, and outgrounds of this deceyuable world. Thou sest vs nowe to be at deathes doore, therefore be so present with vs as we may put away and cast off all feare: who nowe stande in neede of thee to strengthen and comfort vs, with the staffe and sheepehooke of thy authoritie. Thou canst refreshe vs if it please thee, with a most exquisite and well furnished banquet of thy sacred doctrine and blessed sacraments, and make vs to drinke plentifully of the cup of thy holy spirite and grace, the enimies and aduersaryes of thy glorious name beholding the same. O let that thy mercy and clemencie alwayes so imbrace vs (we humbly beseech thee) which thou hast accustomed to bestow vpon thy faythfull seruauntes, as in the sacred Church (which is thy mansiō house) we maye continue stedfastly in fayth and thy most glorious Gospell, throughe the merits and loue of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee worlde

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Another prayer out of the same Psalme.

Thou vsest (O most mighty God) to preserue those thy children whom thou hast louingly adopted, with no lesse care and diligence, then if they were sheepe, the same alwayes ledde of thée, being their most louing shepheard, toward their owne health and perfect commoditie, who, so long as they haue thée for their maister and gouernor, they shall be destitute neyther of the meate nor drinke of thy moste wholsome doctrine. Wherby it is manifest that if we pine away (so long as we liue in this miserable and wretched life) for the hunger and thirst of true and perfect godnesse, it happeneth for this cause (and of no other) in that we haue forsaken thee and followed straunge guydes: whereof come the great perilles and miserable troubles of mind which fall vpon vs. Wherefore we humbly beséech thée (O most faythfull and louing shepheard) to call vs backe from errors into the right and perfect way: correct the vices of the wandring and straying flocke,

flocke, with the rod and shepehoke of thy righteousnesse, so that we maye fede at length, orderly, purely, and chastly of the moste wholesome delicates of thy sacred worde and blessed Sacramentes, by which meanes, the whole heade, heart, and all the powers of our minde may be made fat and well liking, and we be alwayes so vnderpropped with thy louing mercie, as we maye finally inioy in thy house the soueraigne delightes and dainties of euerlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xxiiij. Psalme.

A prayer for the kingdome of Christ and a new life.

THou (O most mightie God) which art not onely the founder and maker of the earth and all thinges conteyned therein, but also hast fourmed man the tiller and inhabitor therof, and vouchedsafe to instruct vs mortall creatures with the doctrine of thy diuine law and sacred Gospell, by which meanes they may anner and knitte themselues againe vnto thee from whom they came into this worldly light, that is to haue their

habitation in the holy Mount of thy sacred Churche wherein thou art alwayes conuersant: who truly requirest this of them, that they should be of an vndefiled conuersation, pure of heart, not addicted to vaine and transitorie delights, neyther followers of deceipts, nor yet periured persons, which sort of men thou doest promise to be partakers of thy infinite mercie and singuler liberalitie. Therefore ought we to haue indeuored our selues to seeke thee out by these meanes: but we haue, (like most sinfull wretches) declined from this path of truth and righteousnesse, and fallen from thee, thorow the perilous steepe wayes of vices and of all voluptuousnesse. Wherfore no maruell is it, if we nowe be fallen into so maruelous difficult times & troublesome estate. Thus thou seest and right well perceyuest by what meanes the state of thy blessed Church is at this present in a maner desolate and throwne downe. We humbly require thee not to take vengeance vpon our euill and lewde facies as they haue deserued: but (for the glorie of thy name) as thou art a most puyssaunt king and excellent in vertue, in whose handes are all

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armies and powers, euē so shew forth thy most valiaunt strength in defending thy beloued Church, and thy singuler good will towardes those which repose their whole trust and confidence in thee, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

SEeing that all thinges (O most good and mightie God) haue their being through thy creation and making, we must certainly without any doubt conclude, that both the earth, and also men which inhabite the same, be onely thine: but vnto thee verily (who, as thou art Lorde of all thinges, so art thou accompted, and that most rightfully, to be the perfection and highest type of our felicitie) can no man come, but such as haue a pure heart, innocent hands, and constaunt fidelitie towardes their neighbors. Forsomuch as we be not as now indued with these kinde of ornamentes, but rather spotted with filthie vices, being altogither vtter enimies to these vertues, we do in our feruent prayers lamentably desire thy fauorable mercy (which thing only

is the laſt refuge we haue to ſtay our ſelues vpon) that thou which art called the king of glory, accompted ſtrong & mightie, a valiant conquerour and noble triumpher in warres, wilt with thy merciſull goodneſſe farre ſurmount and ouerpaſſe oure ſinfull deſeruings. And graunt (although of our partes greatly vndeſerued) that wee may be partakers of thy excellent bleſſing and incomperable righteouſneſſe, for ſo much as we haue repoſed our whole fayth and confidence in Jeſus Chriſt thy ſonne, who liueth and reigneth with thee euermore worlde without ende. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xxv. Pſalme.

A prayer for conſtancie in a troubleſom contention for the word of God.

WE lift vp our mindes, prayers, wordes, and hands vnto thee (O moſt mightie God) deſiring this eſpecially, that whileſt we ſtaye our ſelues and depende wholye vpon thy goodneſſe, thou do not ſuffer vs to be ſo confounded, as the aduerſaries of thy glorious name, and enimies of the pure and ſincere doctrine, may greatly reioyce thereat, and be much boldned in their wickednesſe.

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Neither do we pray for this as though our deserts iustly required the same: but confesse how much and how greatly we haue gone astray from thy sacred lawe and blessed will, which, as we acknowledge willingly and before the face of the worlde, so indeuor we our selues to craue pardon and forgiuenesse of thée in these our dayly prayers. Declare therefore thy blessed wayes hereafter effectually vnto vs (according to thy mercie & louing kindnes) & bring vs in vre with thy sacred lawes & statutes, to the performaunce whereof ꝑ wouldst haue vs surely bound. For it is a thing impossible, but that he doth stedfastly persuere and abide in thy holy couenaunt, whome thou thy selfe shalt instruct and teache: because his minde (without doubt) shall inioy perfect good things, and his feete be set at libertie, were they intangled in neuer so strong and craftie a net. Behold nowe (O good God) with what troublesome afflictions and painefull griefes thy blessed Church is oppressed, whose safetie and deliuerance dependeth onely vpon thée. Deliuer hir therefore in such sort (O mightie God of Israell) that she fall not vnder the most furious

rious rage of Antichriſt and the Deuill, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

WE do reſort & haue dayly acceſſe vnto thee (O moſt mightye God) who inſtãtly in our earneſt prayers & feruent petitions require thy mercifull goodneſſe not to ſuffer nor permitte vs to haue the foyle in the contention which we nowe holde continuallye with the cruell enimies and aduerſaries of mans ſaluation. Pourge and vtterly wipe awaye the ſinfull blemiſhes and ſpottes of our infirmitie, with thy vnſpeakable clemencie: And although we be altogither vnworthie of thy louing fauour (by reaſon of our naughtineſſe and wicked life) yet we heartily require, and earneſtly deſire thee, to direct, teach, gouerne, and finally, ſhewe vs thy bleſſed wayes which we knowe are garniſhed with an incredible liberalitie, and marueylous aſſured truth. Haue a great regarde and care (O moſt gentle father) vnto the perils and calamities wherein we are wrapped, and in maner ouerwhelmed. Deliuer vs oute of them,

them, and wipe away al our wretched iniquities, and rescue thy sacred Churche, (which to do is in thy onely power) not only from outward afflictions wherewith it is diuersiye vexed, but chiefiye from that great calamitie whereby thy honour is much defiled, neyther purely and chastly set forth as it ought to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xxvj. Psalme.

A prayer that we reuolt not from Christ.

IF we had led our lyfe innocently (O moste mightie God) we should not be so striken with feare and terror in these dates (as who should know by certaintie that they cannot wauer nor fall in decaye, which surely haue sticked and cleaued to thee) yea rather we should wholy submitte our selues wyth a willing minde to be searched and tried out of thee. But forsomuche as we had little and verye small confidence in thy diuine Maiestie, we trusted in vaine persons and fleshly helpe, neyther haue we forsaken the companie and felowship of verye hurtfull and wicked doers, but haue both with our

filthy handes and lewde conditions, defiled thy moſt holy Goſpell: therefore are we at this preſent in great perill, leaſt our lyfe and ſoule periſh after the maner of the miſchieuous and bloud thirſtie. Wherfore we heartily pray thée to bée as nowe mercifull vnto vs, and forſomuche as we call vpon thy bleſſed name, ỹ thou wouldeſt vouchſafe to pardon and remitte whatſoeuer we haue hitherto ſo wickedlye committed againſt thee, and let the vprightneſſe of our cauſe, obteyne that thing at thy handes which we doe not deſerue: for in this caſe not onely our ſaluation is impeached, but alſo thy ſincere doctrine and pure religion. Suffer not thy ſacred church therfore to be in ſubiection, and as an vnderling to the fraudes and decepts of Antichriſt. Deliuer it from the deſtruction which the Deuill and his members doe prepare and worke for hir, that we may hereafter leade an holy and innocent life, and highly extoll thy noble actes and wonderfull workes, in the ſacred and bleſſed congregations, throughe Ieſus Chriſt our Lord.

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Another prayer out of the same Psalme.

WE are verye desirous (O almightie God) to lead an innocent and blamelesse life before thee, and not to turne from the right waye, when thou shalt trie vs with sundrie and manifolde temptations: we haue not as yet attayned thereto, bycause we haue reposed small fayth, and little hope (to speake of) in thee. Wherefore our humble request is that thou wouldest haue mercye vpon vs, and pardon whatsoeuer we haue committed and done amisse: for if thou be fauourable and gentle vnto vs, we will neuer be vnmindefull of thy louing mercie & euerlasting truth. Graunt (O most benigne father) that amongst innocents we maye liue innocently, and vterly detest (with an extreme kinde of hatred) all maner of decepts, and cursed lying, that we maye addict our selues wyth all our heartes, to laude, magnifie, and celebrate thy glorious name: neither suffer vs to knitte vppe and finishe our last dayes with malefactours and wicked persons, but rather let a blessed enterraunce to

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the house of eternall felicitie, (whether we haue dayly a feruent desire to come) be set open and made as a free passage vnto vs, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xxvij. Psalme.

A prayer for comfort in fayth agaynst our enimies.

FOrsomuch as (O heauenly Father) we make our accompt of thee onely, to be the whole stay and principall defence of our saluation, light, strength, and stedfastnesse, it shoulde behoue vs to continue and abide (with a good courage, and assured constancie) in the studie of godlinesse, whatsoeuer the worlde may seeme to attempt agaynst vs, what aduersitie soeuer may (by the instigation of the deuill) hang ouer vs, and finally, what calamitie so euer men do moue and stirre vp agaynst vs, all that we ought boldly to dispise, thou being our strong defence, and hiding vs in thy blessed Tabernacle. But bicause our fayth is verye weake, and our confidence in thee doth oftentymes both wauer and stagger, hereof it commeth that we are so muche fearefull and timerous. Therefore strengthen

then thou vs (O bighe and mighbie God) with thy excellent grace, and bountrous spirit, that we may liue orderly, godly, and after an honest sort in the holy congregation, which is thy blessed Church in deede. Hide not thou thy louing countenaunce still awaye from vs (we humbly beseeche thee) for that is our sole and onely desire. Graunt that we may constantly persever, and be made strong to abide the comming of thy ready helpe with stedfast and vnappalled courage, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xxviij. Psalme.

A prayer for comfort in necessitie against double tonged persons.

IF thou (O most mighbie God) shouldst dissemble, and haue little regard to helpe and comfort vs in these oure grieuous afflictions which happen vnto vs, not onely true godlinesse shoulde come to ruyne and decaye, but we also might incontinent bee easily compared to those which are put downe, and laide at the pittes dore, readie to bee burned: giue eare therefore vnto our humble prayers and petitions, whome thou

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ſæſt to haue aſſured confidence in none o-
ther, then in thy onely ſonne Ieſus Chriſt
our Sauiour. For as touching our ſelues,
we haue behaued vs ſo euill, and liued ſo
lewdly and vngodly, that when we conſi-
der and looke vpon our ſelues, we ſée no-
thing due vnto vs but death and endleſſe
damnation. Therefore of thy ſinguler mer-
cie and goodneſſe deſtroy vs not (accor-
ding to our deſerts) amongeſt the vngodly, de-
ceptfull, and wicked perſons, but reuarde
all thy aduerſaries, and namely the ene-
mies of thy bleſſed Church, according to
their iuſt deſertes, ſo ỹ whatſoeuer the vn-
faithful do either inuent & imagin againſt
vs, may fall vpon their owne head. But
whenſoeuer they begin little to regard thy
holy wordes and wonderous workes, bring
to nought their crooked and cruell deuiſes,
wherby thou thy ſelfe mayſt be exalted and
lifted vp with bighe prayſes, becauſe thou
haſt heard the voyces and pitcous com-
plaints of thy moſt humble and lowly ſer-
uauntes. Be thou (O good God) our aſſu-
red ſtrength and ſhield of defence, preſerue
thy faythfull people in theſe great daun-
gers, and ſuche as thou haſt choſen to be

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thy gracious beyres, augment and heape vpon them thy sauing health and most noble benefites: giue those men sufficient fode so long as they here liue, and finally bring them vnto eternall ioy and blessed felicitie, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE heartily require thee (O heauenly father) to be fauourable and mercifull vnto vs, that seeing we poure out our humble prayers and earnest petitions vnto thee, thou wouldest (according to thy excellent goodnesse) pacientlye heare vs. If thou O Lord shouldst accept vs according to the rate and goodnesse of oure desertes, we should euery where and in all places suffer an infinite number of greauous miseries and sorowfull calamities. And because the outragious aduersaries and cruell enimies both of our saluation, and also of thy famous honor, go about nothing else then to pull thy faythfull seruaunts awaye from true Godlynesse, and that stedfast desire they haue to leade a vertuous life: bee

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thou therefore our assured strength and strong shield of defence agaynst them. If we be thy blessed people and chosen heritage (as thou hast promised & as we faithfully beleue) then preserue, kepe, and be fauourable vnto vs, and bring vs forth to the chiefe and highest blesse which we haue alwayes an especiall eye and principall regard vnto, through Iesus Christ our Lord Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xxix. Psalme.

¶ prayer that we may be obedient to the word of god.

SO many of vs (O heauenly father) as are promoted throughe thy vnspeakeable mercy, that we both be, and also are named the children of God, haue no light occasion or small regarde to celebrate thy diuine maiestie, by the effect of those things which in the worke of nature we see to procede frō thee, which are so passing excellent and maruelous, that they shewe forth themselues, to those that behold them, as most certaine and manifest tokens of thy vnspeakable glorie and dignitie. Thou bringest forth so mightily, when thy good pleasure

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is, shewers, clowdes, lightnings, earthquakes, and ouerflowings of waters, that euen the hilles and trees (although they be very high, and all other liuing things, doe both greatly and horribly quake. We only (O god God) are blinde, deafe, and dull to conceyue these thy moste wonderous workes. Wherefore, for the loue thou bearest vnto vs, hauing compassion vpon so great folishnesse and vnskilfulnesse, which procedeth of nothing else then of sinne, graunt that we (being at length exempted from them) maye both acknowledge thy excellencie in thy notable workes, and sing also perpetuall prayses to thée for thy manifolde benefites extended towarde vs, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xxx. Psalme.

A prayer that all our afflictions maye well depart from vs, by Gods especiall grace.

WE ought (O most mercifull god) to celebrate and extoll thée with wonderfull and vnspeakeable prayses, bicause thou art so prone and readie to preserue those that with an vnfeyned heart call diligently vpon thy blessed name. We doe plainely acknowledge

ledge and openly confesse our sinnes to be innumerable and most heynous, for the which right worthy are we to be abiudged of eternal destruction and perpetual death. But our earnest request is ỹ thou wouldst shewe the like fauourable mercy towardes vs, as thou wert accustomed to doe vnto thy elect and chosen seruauntes, although thou art wont to chastice them with a short kinde of wrath, and such a one as indureth but the turning of a hande, which forthwith thou alterest into an exceeding great good will, and such a one as lasteth continually. Preserue vs therefore from the present euils and iminent perils, which hang ouer our heades, that we (beyng saued and deliuered out of all daunger) may confesse thée, and be both sure and experienced witnesses touching the truth of thy faythfull promises, and also euery where, and in all places shewe forth and publisshe that thou onely and none other ought to be trusted in, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

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Thy blessed Churche (O almightie GOD) prayeth thee to relieue hir, beyng sore tossed and oppressed with these stormye tempestes: neyther suffer thou the fierce enimyes of thy glorious name to reioyce and triumphe at hir destruction. Thou art accustomed (O good God) both to heare and also to helpe without delay such as earnestly call vpon thee, and it is in thy mightie hand & power to bring backe againe from the graue, and to quicken those which were nowe in a maner fallen into the pitte. Wherefore to the intent thou mayest stirre vp an earnest desire & feruent affection in our mindes to thy worthy prayse, shewe thy selfe to haue bene angry with vs, yet let it be but for a moment: neyther shall that inestimable loue of thine towardes vs (whereby wee liue and shall liue in thee) be any thing the more in that respect diminished. Bring spedily to passe we humbly beseeche thee, that our sorowfull teares, deepe sighes, and piteous grones, may shortly be chaunged into godly mirth and ioyful gladnesse. Marke thou in no wise our desertes, but what beseemeth thee best. We truely are

worthie of deadly hatred and extreme punishmentes, by reason of our manifolde sinnes, who so long as all thinges happened luckely, and as we woulde haue it, vainely imagined, that we could beare out all things of our owne strength & power. But nowe, when thou hast a little turned thy louing countenaunce from vs, and present calamities haue appeared, we are so astonished and stricken with feare, that we can scarcely abide or stande vpright. Howbeit haue thou an especiall regard (O good God) what thy mercifull promises require, namely that thou wilte not suffer those to perishe and come to ruine which crie heartily vnto thee. For our aduersaries would doe nothing lesse then set forth thy worthie prayses. At length therefore make an ende of our sorowfull mourning, that (the spirite of gladnesse beyng restored to vs againe) we maye both nowe and in an other world also, render euerlasting prayse and thanks vnto thee, through Iesus christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xxxj. Psalme.

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A prayer in distresse and triall of faith.

SEing that thou (O moſt mighty God) art our aſſured rocke and ſtrong defence, it is nowe nedefull for thy names ſake, that thou ſhouldeſt ſaue and deliuer thoſe which repoſe their whole truſt in thée, ſo that we may be nothing aſhamed of the fayth that we haue firmely affired in thée. Thou ſeeſt howe they (of whome thy ſacred doctrine and holy Goſpell is had in contempt) haue priuily layde ſnares and nettes to trap vs. We therfore which ſée that we can be preſerued by none other meane, do now commit our ſelues to be defended by thy onely handes and mightie power. For we haue no affiaunce in curious and wicked artes, but repoſe our ſelues (O good God) vpon thy goodneſſe only, and require thée to haue an eſpeciall care and regarde to the afflictions we nowe are in, neyther ſuffer thou vs to be ſhut vp into the handes of wicked perſons. We knowe for a certaintie that our ſinnes wherewith we are ſo ſore burthened, ſhall make ertædingly agaynſt vs in thy iuſt iudgement, that of right we can not eſcape. But beſeeche thée of thy infinite goodneſſe, to haue mercy vpon vs, neyther

ther ſuffer thy bleſſed Church to be a by word and teaſting ſtock both to the neighbors and enimies thereof. Shew forth thy chearefull countenaunce vpon hir, let the wicked be put to vtter ſhame, we humbly pray thee, who mayeſt ſtop the mouthes of lyars, when they moſt arrogantly imagine very horrible accuſations agaynſt hir. And although (as to the iudgement of the fleſh) we thinke our ſelues to be thruſt downe hedlong, and caſt vtterly from the ſight of thine eyes: yet notwithſtanding, we ſtil hope in ſpirite that thou wilt giue attentiue eare vnto our hartie prayers. Graunt therefore that the vertuous men which earneſtly loue thee, may well vnderſtande that thou mightily preſerueſt thy faithfull ſeruauntes, and doeſt greatly ſtrengthen ſuch as honor and reuerence thee with an vnfeyned heart, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

LEt thy fauourable and louing countenaunce (O moſt mightie God) ſhine vpon vs, from whence commeth all conſolation,

lation, ioy, and gladneſſe vnto thy beloued ſeruaunts: and ſeing we craue for thy ready helpe, bring vtterly to naught the ſubtile inuentions, craftes, deceptes, and laiyngs awaite of the violent force of our enimies. Surely moſt great, moſt bewtifull, and moſt ioyfull is the ſwéeteneſſe of thy ineſtimable goodneſſe which thou haſt layde vp for thoſe that repoſe their whole truſt in thée: that the ſinnes therfore which we haue lewdly committed ſeclude vs not from the ſame, we hartily beſéeche thée to cleanſe and purifie vs with thy gracious fauour. For if we once obteyne this, there is no doubt, but that we ſhall be both hidden, and alſo defended from all imminent miſchiefes, vnder the tabernacle & ſtrong defence of thy mightie protection, ſo as we boldely and ſtedfaſtly perſeuering in thy bleſſed loue, may at length be brought and conueyed vnto thée, being the piller and chiefe ſtay of our ſaluation, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

THe confidence (O moſt mightie God) which the Godly repoſe in thée, hath

this notable and singuler propertie, that it maketh no man ashamed thereof, nor defraudeth any person of his iust desire: the same therefore doth greatly inforce vs to craue thy readie helpe, that thou wouldest alwayes be our puyssaunt strength, strong defence, assured stay, valiaunt Capitaine, and most prouident nourisher. Moreouer we know right well, that (by reason of our manifolde sinnes) the malicious enimies of thy glorious name and our saluation, haue euery where layde snares, trappes, and ambushes for vs. Therefore doe we commit our whole spirite and lyfe to thy faythfull custodie, and put them into thy hands to be strongly defended: forsomuch as thou seest our innumerable infirmities, and howe we are alwayes inuironed and compassed about with the violent force of our fierce enimies: be mercifull therfore to our sorowfull estate, and helpe vs presently without any delay. And as thou hast both life and death in thy puyssant hands, graunt that we thy faythfull seruants may liue and rest with thee for euer, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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¶ A prayer out of the. xxxij. Pſalme.

A praier that our ſinfull crimes may be pardoned.

WE are admoniſhed by thée (O moſt good and mercifull God) that the felicitie of thy faythfull ſeruaunts conſiſteth herein, that their ſinnes are forgiuen, couered, and not imputed vnto them in thy iuſt iudgement: which thing if euer we had néede to obteyne, certainly we nowe ſéeme to lacke it moſt, when as (through preſent calamities) our heynous ſinnes are ſet before our eyes. For we féele thy hande to ware heauie ouer thy ſacred Church, wherefore we haue thought good not to hide our ſinnes, but publikely and openly to confeſſe them before thy diuine Maieſtie: neyther doe we any thing at all miſtruſt the vnſpeakable goodneſſe thou art indued withall, who incontinent doeſt quite, pardon, and vtterly forgiue vs our gréeuous offences. Therefore we that be thy déere beloued ſeruants, doe nowe earneſtly require thée (doubting not but thou art to be found) not to permit thy faythfull people to be violently oppreſſed of their cruell enimies, who be like vn-

to ouerflowing waters. Be thou a denne and place of refuge for vs in these moste greeuous afflictions. Informe and teache vs the right way of blessed saluation, and whatsoeuer brutishe and beastlye lust remayneth as yet in vs, kéepe thou it so vnder with the hard bit and bridle of thy holy spirite, that wée bée not for the same cast downe headlong into perpetual destruction: and finally poure out lamentable sorowes and pitious calamities vpon the aduersaryes of thy moste glorious name, but let such as trust onely in thée be inclosed and fortified with thy singuler louing kindenesse as with a strong rampire, that those which haue a feruent zeale to thy excellent name, and be of an vpright heart, maye thérefully reioyce in thée, and triumphe with a perfite gladnesse, throughe Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

They without doubt are right happie and blessed (O moste mightie God) to whom thou of thy vnspeakable mercy hast forgiuen their greéuous sinnes, not imputing

ting them, but couering and remitting what wicked and naughtie thing soeuer they haue bene stayned and polluted with. We doe most manifestly acknowledge that so great and notable a benefite could not haue happened vnto vs, vnlesse our sinnes verily were openly knowen and disclosed to thée, and that we poure into thy blessed bosome what sinnes so euer we haue lewdely and shamelessely committed agaynst thy sacred lawe. Therefore we acknowledge and confesse vnto thée (O heauenly father) that our vnrighteousnesse is exceeding great, and our soules miserably burthened with the waight of our impietie: wherefore nowe ayde and helpe vs with thy fauourable mercye, and we heartily beseeche thee, to wipe away after a louing & gentle maner, what naughtinesse soeuer it oth remain behind. Deliuer vs frō the sore wful calamities and grœuous miseries that are hanging ouer our heades, make vs to haue an vncorrupt minde, and gouerne vs with thy prouident care least through our euill affections, we do not degenerate into most foolishe brute beastes, but being inuironed and compassed about

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with thy excellent gwdneſſe, let vs be cheared vp with rightfull mirth and aſſured ioy before thée, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xxxiij. Pſalme.

A prayer for prayſe and thankes gyuing to God for his omnipotencie.

HOw many ſoeuer (O moſt mighty God) as haue attayned vnto righteouſneſſe throughe an vnfeyned fayth, doe well vnderſtande howe much prayſe and glorie thou art worthy of by reaſon of thy maruelous workes. There is nothing in the world but it beareth witnes that thou art good. The heauens ſtand faſt, and all the hoſtes of them were made by thy ſacred worde, neyther are the waters of the ſea and great déepes conteyned within their boundes by any other power, then through thy holy ſpirite and mightie force. Therefore it is and hath béene oure dutie both to honour and feare thée onely, euen as thou haſt rightly deſerued: but we haue (O ſinfull wretches that we are) done nothing leſſe in all our whole lyfe. And therefore haue well and iuſtly deſerued the great troubles and daungerous

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perilles we now are in. But seeing that thy infinite goodnesse cannot be drayned drie through mens naughtinesse and lewd behauior (be they neuer so innumerable) we craue pardon and forgiuenesse of all those thinges which we haue committed agaynst thy diuine Maiestie, and heartily require thee (according to thy wonted mercy) to make voyde all the subtile counsayles and lewde deuices wherewith the fierce enimies of godlinesse pretend to subuert and ouerthrowe thy sacred Church. Let thy thoughtes & ymaginations stande immoueable towardes that people which hath thee for their fauourable God & most lawfull heritage. Thou that beholdest the heartes of men from the high heauen, and which hast fourmed them from the beginning, knowest well what the Antichristians haue ymagined against thy faythfull seruauntes. Wherefore vouchsafe wee humbly beseech thee to maintaine and defende vs at this instant: for we require neyther valiaunt prince, nor strong horse, nor yet mans force (which are of no power) to saue and deliuer vs, but flie vnto thee onely, who settest our soules at freedome

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and libertie: let thy inestimable mercy (we earnestly require thée) be at hande and redie for vs, as we vndoubtedly beleue and certainly hope it will so be, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

THy glorious name (O almightie God) for diuers causes deserueth to be extolled with vnspeakable prayses, and to be celebrated with a meruelous earnest indeuour of the godlye: forsomuch as all thy wordes, and all thy precepts and dædes are nothing but faythfulnesse, vertue, iustice, and goodnesse. Whatsoeuer is in the whole vniuersall worlde eyther bewtiful or gorgeous: whatsoeuer is profitable and commodious, all that procædeth and commeth from thée onely. Thou alone bringest to naught the pernicious counsayles of the vngodly, and makest their wicked enterprises voyde and of none effect. But thy ordinaunces are most sure with a maruelous inuiolable constancie. Wherefore right happie and blessed are those people who haue chosen

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thæ to be their God, and honor thée most purely and alonely as their principall heritage. Therefore thou being such a one, and so mighty a fourmer and maker of vs, art not ignorannt how often and horribly we haue transgressed thy diuine law. Pardon vs (we humbly beséeche thée) neyther suffer thou vs to repose our trust in the force & power of any creature: but graunt that we hauing thy wonderfull mercye in experience, maye perfectly reioyce, and rightfully take pleasure in ỹ same, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xxxiij. Psalme.

A prayer for comfort in distresse.

THy singuler and most notable deserues extended towardes vs (O mightie God) in what case so euer we are, whether it be prosperitie or aduersitie, moueth vs at all tymes to celebrate thy glorious name with great prayses. Surely thou art alwayes present to those that vnfeynedly craue thy furtheraunce, and deliuerest the miserable from carefull and grœuous calamities, and such as flie to thée for defence, thou doest fortifie

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and inclose them with a gard of Aungels. We therfore being sore oppressed and vexed with the fardell of most grieuous mischiefes, are like to be led and caried awaye vnto finall destruction, without thy assistaunt helpe. Wherefore we heartily pray and earnestly require thée to rayse vp those that be fallen, and receyuing vs againe into thy louing fauour, thou will teach vs the true feare, perfect worship, and sincere loue of thée, so that we may haue especially a pure conscience: bridle our tongue least it bable vnadui sedly such things as be vnséeming for thée or our owne vocation, but let vs in all our dædes decline from wickednesse, and rightfully perfourme those thinges which thou willest vs to doe, and become verye zealous desirers and earnest sékers of thy gracious peace: and as thou wouldest not haue our soules to be redéemed with a common and simple price, so vouchsafe to bestowe eternall saluation liberally & bountifully vpon them, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xxxv. Psalme.

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SEing that thou (O mooſte good and mercyfull God) haſt an inuincible ſtrength and moſt ready will to helpe thy faythfull ſeruauntes when they vnfeynedly call vpon thée. We now earneſtly require and hope aſſuredly in all our feruent peticions, that thou wilt vouchſafe to ayde and aſſiſt vs, ſéeing wée are continually (during thys mortall life) ſo greatly oppreſt through the violence and force of our aduerſaries: for Sathan is riſen vp, with an vnſpeakeable deadly hatred, to cut vs off from our ſaluation. Wherefore haue no regard at all how wickedly and lewdly we haue behaued our ſelues towardes thée, but (of thy infinite mercy) forgiue our moſt heinous and grée-uous offences, wherewith we féele our ſelues to be moſt miſerably ouerburthened: driue away farre from vs through thy inuincible power, and force of thy bleſſed Aungels, the outragious aſſaultes of the Deuill and all his adherents, in ſuch wiſe as both they may be diſappoynted of their practiſes, and our mindes (by reaſon of thy louing fauour and preſent helpe) maye ſwéetely reioyce, and proclayme abroade

A prayer both againſt our enimies, and falſe prophets alſo.

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howe there can be no God founde which may deliuer those that call vnfeynedly vpon him, from al wofull calamitie, like vnto thee. They scorne and mocke at our infirmitie and weakenesse, but we humblye beseech thee O excellent father, (who beholdest the great daungers and miserable distresses we are in) to take vs into thy mightie protection, and vouchsafe to preserue vs from euerlasting damnation, thorowe Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WEe haue a great while sore longed (O most mercifull God) to celebrate thee in the most frequented assembly of the godly, which truly we will then do with a most readie and ioyfull minde, when as thou (through thy mightie power) shalt rid and deliuer vs from the cruell Deuill and his furious Ministers. It is not vnknowne to thee howe craftily, deceptfully, and after what a wicked maner he disquieteth thy faythfull seruauntes. Wherefore we heartily beseech thee, with so Godly an affection as we can, first to pardon and remit

mit whatsoeuer we haue vnworthily committed against thy sacred lawe, and consequently stirre vp thy selfe stoutly to maintein, and valiauntly to defende our rightfull cause, least the pernicious enimies deride and vaunt themselues agaynst thy dearely beloued seruauntes, (when as at their pleasures) they shall make them become very miserable: but rather let confusion and shame fall vpon them, at what tyme they dare presume to set themselues agaynst thy glory and our saluation. But contrariwise, let vs (which be desirous of thy famous honor and excellent righteousnesse) be filled with perfite ioy and gladnesse, that with a pleasaunt and cheerefull heart we maye set forth thy noble prayse and deserued worthinesse, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *A prayer out of the. xxxvj. Psalme.*

A prayer for vpright iustice.

WE knowe right well (O mosse mightie God) the force of wickednesse to be so great, that whosoeuer hath the same abiding in him, cannot be pricked and moued with

the feare or reuerence of thy diuine power. For he is so delighted in his owne detestable actes, that in the ende it becommeth both knowne and hatefull vnto all men. For whatsoeuer he speaketh is verye wicked, neither can he be perswaded to permit himselfe to be instructed to do well, but ymagineth much mischiefe in the night and so incourageth himselfe in his heynous sinnes, that he eschewth no kinde of euill which commeth in his minde. For thy infinite mercye sake therefore (O good God) and for thy singuler faythfulnesse, iustice, and most vpright iudgement, which reacheth euen vnto the glorious heauens and high clowdes, which passeth the most large Mountaynes, and excelleth the bottomlesse depth, giuing life and health not onely to men, but to euery liuing thing also. We humbly beseeche thee (that our greeuous sinnes being done away) thou wouldst not suffer our soules to be defiled & stained with filthy wickednes. Yea rather graunt, ỹ we (reposing our selues vnder ỹ shadow of thy winges) may through thy most rich spirit and his eternal dainties, inioy the Princely Palace of heauen, and quaffing verye abundantly

bundantly of the well spring of life which is with thée, may (by the excellent benefite of thy glorious light) behold the brightnesse of perpetual felicitie: so that they which be deadly enimies of our saluation, may be of no force or abilitie to pull vs therefrom, but rather (vnlesse they ceasse from that they haue begun) let them so fall that they haue no power at all to rise vppe againe, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xxxvij. Psalme.

A prayer for constancie in fayth against such as will hurt vs.

FOrsomuch as thy blessed Church (O almightie God) hath manye weaklinges which might perhaps bée grieuously offended in séeing most wicked and naughtie persons to haue such prosperous successe: confirme thou them therefore with thy holy spirite, to the intent they may right well vnderstand this felicitie (which now the enimies of the Gospell inioy) is not stable and durable, but rather that it shall be dryed vp verye quickly like a withered wéede, and moste vile grasse. Vouchsafe so to replenishe vs with thy heauenly grace, that we

may haue our affiaunce onely in thée, and alwayes conceiue a singuler delight in charitie and well doyng, whereby we maye thorowlye perswade our selues, that all pleasure and felicitie ought to bee fetched from thée, as out of the onely vndraynable well spring. Graunt also, that we maye with a right contented and pacient minde, suffer thée to worke thy diuine will in all our affayres (so farre as it shall séeme good in thy sight) and boldly abide and wayte thy blessed leysure when it shall happen that thou séemest to prolong the tyme for our, helpe and deliueraunce in suche wyse as we be not furiously offended at matters which bée presently done, but perfectly vnderstand and right well perceyue that our most heynous sinnes haue deserved farre grieuouser plagues: for we haue in such sort (O good God) sinned agaynst thée, that all the punishment which lighteth vpō vs, is farre lesse then our wicked & lewde merits deserue. Yet notwithstanding, vouchsafe thou (who art most fauourable) to direct our goyngs, and so assist those which trust in thee, that all men may perceyue vs not to be vtterly throwne downe, although we

we haue gone farre astray, because we are very gently and maruelous softly holden vp with thy strong hande: and let all people vnfeynedly confesse that thou doest in no wise forsake and abandon thy faythfull seruauntes, whereby very many may bée bolde and hardie to commit themselues to thy mightie protection, so that thou mayst be their readie helper, and deliuer them (through thy present ayde) from the hands of their vngodly and cursed enimies, by Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

LEt not the prosperous successe of the wicked (O moste good and mercifull God) moue vs to withdrawe our mindes from following thy most pure and sincere Religion, forsomuch as thou declarest vnto vs that their prosperitie is so short and vanishe so quickly away as the greneneſſe of grasse and flowers in Medowes. Anburthen thou quickly (we humbly beseeche thée) our consciences from the heauie fardell of our sinnes, from the which (vnlesse we be eased by thy gracious fauour) we

shall verie readily fall into vtter destruction. But seeing that thou art our sole and onely confidence, vpon whome we wholy depend, and haue committed our selues altogither vnto thy custodie, we doubt not but thou wilt condiscend and giue eare vnto our earnest requestes: which is, that we may repose all our whole pleasure and felicitie in thée alone, wholy dispising and setting vtterly at naught all the prosperity of this wretched worlde. For like as such as leane therevnto are destroyed in a moment, euen so those that be exceeding quiet, very meeke, and of a right vp minde, shall after a marueylous gentle and peaceable maner inioy a perpetuall heritage. We néede not to feare howsoeuer the vngodly rage, whatsoeuer he doth manace & practice agaynst thy blessed Saintes, for his naughtie and lewde enterprises shall fall vpon his owne head. But pardon thou (O good God) and trye both our intentes and doings, whereby an euerlasting heritage may remaine and abide for vs, who celebrate thy glorious name from day to day, with most highe prayses, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

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An other prayer out of the same pſalme.

SEeing that thou (O moſt mightie God) haſt taken vpon thée to be a guide and companion for the godly, to the intent they ſhoulde not ſtray from the true path of righteouſneſſe and a prop̃e to ſhore them vp if peraduenture they ſhould fall by miſhap: and moreouer, inaſmuch as theſe thy promiſes haue bæne hitherto ſo firme and ſtable, that there was neuer found any godly perſon ſo deſtitute of thy fauourable good will, but had all things neceſſary for the preſeruation of his life. Therefore aſſuredly hoping and faythfully truſting in thy merciſull promiſes, we humbly beſéech thæ not to puniſhe vs, as the ſinnes we haue committed agaynſt thée do merite and deſerue, but pardon them (for thy excellent mercies ſake) to ſuche as flie vnto thée for readie helpe: and vouchſafe to beſtow (vpõ thoſe that truſt onely in thy goodneſſe) thy bleſſed will and ſacred lawes to be printed and ingrauen within their hearts, to the intent they maye continually meditate and

talke of the same, neyther let them be variable and inconstant touching the execution thereof. Suffer not the glittering and famous fortune of the vngodly (who beare vnreconcileable hatred and deadly fode to thy faythfull seruauntes) to remoue vs any thing at all from the right way, but so inflame and lighten our soules with thy holy spirite, that we may quickly perceyue them to be vtterly wiped out, and fallen into most extreme and endlesse torments: but indue thou vs with firme strength and perfect health (according to the confidence we haue reposed in thy faythfull promises) and graunt that we may be deliuered from imminent calamities and the spitefull enmies of our saluation, through Iesus christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xxxviij. Psalme.

A prayer against our enimies and the dread of conscience.

REbuke and chasten vs (O most good and mercifull God) like thy dere children, by remouing and taking away thy greuous wrath and dreadfull indignation from these present aduersities. Surely we fele thy heauy hand

hand and perceyue the great perils we are in, who know that it can not be remedyed and amended by mans helpe: which thing doth not befall and happen vnto vs without our iuſt deſertes. For doubtleſſe our heynous ſinnes and grieuous iniquities haue wrapped vs in on al ſides, wherwith we are ſore bourthened and miſerably oppreſt farre aboue our power. Herevpon it cõmeth to paſſe that we go alwayes mourning, and are in a maner at deathes dore, thorough great heauineſſe and anguiſhe of heart. We ſée our neighbours and friendes ſtand a farre of, and our aduerſaryes pitch guileful ſnares, who worke all the meanes they can poſſible deuiſe vtterly to ouerthrowe vs. Whon therefore (O good God) for thy louing mercies ſake, firſt and formoſt reconcile vs vnto thee, by louingly forgiuing and fauorably pardoning whatſoeuer we haue moſt filthily committed againſt thy diuine Maieſtie, then make haſt and ſpeede to be our readie helpe. We abide looking for thee our onely refuge, who haſt bene accuſtomed readily to ſuccour thoſe that vnfeynedly call vpon thee, and giue eare vnto their lamentable petitions.

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Thou art not ignorant howe the Antichristians triumph and rise vp agaynst vs, whilest we are so shaken and tossed: for they which hate vs verye vniustly, increase and ware dayly stronger and stronger. Wherefore we humbly require thée (O excellent Father) not to forsake vs in so great and grieuous afflictions, seeyng that thou thy selfe art our onelye saluation, make haste (we hartily beseech thée) to helpe and succour thy blessed Church, and mightily rescue it, being in extréme perill, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

ALthough (O most good and mercifull God) we finde the fardell and burthen of wickednesse which we haue committed agaynst thee to be so great, as we are not now any lenger able to sustayne and beare them, therefore vpon assyaunce of thy vnspeakeable goodnesse, we come and call vpon thée with a sorowfull heart, not to correct vs for them with yre and wrathfull indignation: let thy admonition be fatherly as thou hast béene accustomed of olde to

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ſhewe and extende the ſame towardes thy faithfull ſeruaunts. Behold how (through conſcience of our heynous ſinnes) our hartes be altogether amazed, all thinges are marueylouſly putrified and verye corrupt in vs: we ſhall liue exceeding ſorowfully in affliction, and in a maner quite deſtitute of light, vnleſſe thou putteſt to thy aſſiſtant helping hande. Neyther doe we truſt any thing at all in our friends & neighbors: for our greeuous ſinnes purchaſe vs all thinges frowardly and after an enuious maner. Therefore (O good God) at what time we poure out our wretched iniquities into thy boſome, and are ſo much carefull to procure pardon for them, let vs not be vtterly deſtitute of the louing fauor and riche mercie that is naturally grafted in thee, but as thou art alwayes tractable and eaſie to be intreated, ſo vouchſafe to make haſte for to miniſter ſpeedie and ſtedfaſt helpe in our ſorowfull diſtreſſes, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xxxix. Pſalme.

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SEing that (O moſt mighty God) we are vexed with preſent calamities in this moſt troubleſome time, and oppreſt with ſo great a ſtorme of afflictions: we flie vnto thee for ſuccour, humblye requiring that thou wouldeſt ſo bridle our mouth and tongue with thy holy ſpirite as nothing may paſſe from vs either deteſtable to thy diuine Maieſtie, or vnſeemely for our profeſſion. But ſeeing we cannot rightfullye complaine that theſe perplexities and anguiſhes doe ſurmount our heynous ſinnes, or that we be vnworthily puniſhed, graunt we maye appeaſe and ſtay the curſed cryes of ſuch as wrongfully complaine of thee: but rather let our bowels be ſtirred vp with a perfect griefe for the heinous ſinnes we haue committed, let them ware whotte with a moſt inward ſorrow, and cauſe our hartes to be kindled and ſet on fire with a continuall earneſt repentaunce. Graunt that we may right well vnderſtand (O moſt gentle father) euery moment and houre the ſtate of our vnripe life, forſomuch as it is but mere vanitie howſoeuer we lead it, and we are farre wide to thinke that our carefull tur-

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moyle, or heaping togither of vncertein riches, are able to profite or anaile vs anye thing at all. Therefore it behoueth vs (O mightie Lorde) to haue a speciall regarde vnto thée onely, whom if thou wilt especially releéue from our grieuous sinnes and heynous iniquities, our assured hope is that we shall be no more a scorne and reproche to the vngodly. For thou hast bene accustomed to remoue thy plagues from such as be purged and clensed of their wicked crymes, and sinfull déedes, least they should be vtterly consumed at the shaking of thy most mightie and inuincible hande: which, if it should perseuer and go on in continuall vexing men (according to their iust deserts) it would no lesse consume thē, & grind them to powder then Mothes fret out clothes. Giue care therefore (O good God) vnto our humble prayers, and séeing thou knowest we cannot haue an assured and perfect rest vpon earth, graunt that we maye finallye liue with thy excellent Maiestie by a constant fayth, and walke before thée in muche saftie, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WHyle we fele any tokens of thy rygor and seueritie (O most mightye God) although we are perswaded in spirit not to speake euill of thy goodnesse or iustice: yet (through the greatnesse of our extreme sorrow & testimonie of our sinnes) we are almost so farre gone, & brought to such a poynt that our life is very vykesome vnto vs: wherefore, seing ỹ we confesse our heynous sinnes vnto thee, and haue sundry wayes wickedly offended thy diuine Maiestie, bee mercifull & fauorable vnto vs for thy louing kindnesse & mercies sake. Thou sest howe short and vaine a thing our life is, beyng lyke vnto shadowes, wherein is nothing firme, sound, or worth ỹ trusting to: we fade away in a moment, and what tyme soeuer thou giuest vs here to liue, we passe ouer all the same (through our owne default) with most heady, troublesome, and pernicious affections. We require thee therefore that thou wouldest yet at length haue mercy vpon vs: let our earnest petitions and sorowfull mourning (which thy

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blessed spirite hath from our hearts wrong out in vs) enter into thy mercifull eares, and moreouer vouche thou safe to refreshe our distressed mindes, with thy louing fauour from time to tyme, so long as wee wander lyke pilgrymes in this wretched worlde, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xl. Psalme.

A praier the our sinnes may be pardoned thorow the merites of Christ.

Those which are susteyned and stayed vp with suche a hope (O most mightie God) that they looke for thy ready helpe in their present tribulations, whē they most charge them, and haue an especiall regard vnto thée, being in no dispayre thereof at all, thou at length (according to thy accustomed goodnesse and vnspeakable mercie) grauntest their humble requestes, thou hearest theyr lowde cryes out of the deepe waters, and sticking fast in myre and durt liftest them out thereof with thy most puyssaunt helpe. Whereby it happeneth, that they beyng mightily deliuered, haue thy enestimable prayses cōtinually in their mouthes, which they

they celebrate with new ditties, both openly and priuately, to the intent they would stirre vp and prouoke all men to the perfect beliefe, assured hope, and due feare of thée. Giue vs therefore at this present such grace, as we maye both repose our whole truste in thée onely, and also not to passe for the prowde persons or lyers that haue risen vp togither against thy sacred church, perceyuing right well that thou art the authour of all wonderfull matters, who hast in the high treasures of thy diuine prouidence, such deuises and purposes which no man can rehearse or shewe forth in order, nor yet once to vtter, in as muche as they excell in number and greatnesse all force of woordes, and efficacie of speache. Therfore where as we haue hitherto greeuously offended thée, by reason of our heynous sinnes, neyther can make sufficient satisfaction by any sacrifice of our owne, graunt vs an obedient fayth to be at all tymes prooliue and readie to followe thy blessed will, which thou hast vouchedsafe to manifest and reuele vnto vs in the booke of thy sacred lawe: graunt that we maye readily and with a frée will execute the same,

same, being surely printed in the most inwarde partes of our sinfull bodie. And like as thou doest neuer withhold thy selfe from spēdie mercie and vnspeakable goodnesse towardes vs: so againe let thy zealous louing seruauntes manifestly shew forth thy stedfast faythfulnesse, vpright iustice, and sincere truth, both in their wordes and conuersation. Thou sēst howe we are borne downe and loden with grēuous sinnes, howe we are ouerwhelmed with miserable aduersities, and howe both heart and witte fayleth vs: wherefore haue thou an especiall regard to our saluation, and make spēdy hast to helpe vs. Or rather confound and putte the fierce enimies of thy blessed name to vtter confusion, but let vs which vnfeynedly sēke thē, be at length greatly refreshed, and cause vs to finde by prowfe, that it is not in vaine, that thou art reported to be the most assured saluation it selfe, and helper of poore sicly wretches and grēuous afflicted persons, through Jesus christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

THey which ſuffer the prolonging of thy fauorable helpe (O moſt mighty God) with right & patient mindes, do at lenght well perceyue and aſſuredly feele that thou heareſt their feruent prayers: and when in good earneſt they finde themſelues to bee deliuered, do not onely celebrate thy glorious name with due prayſes, but giue a ſufficient example to other godly men for to do the like. Nowe therefore (which we may onely doe) forſomuch as thou delightest not in outwarde ſacrifices, we indeuor and ſtriue to obteyne thus much by oure hartie prayers, that we may become verye louing and deſirous to follow thy holy wil daply more and more, ſetting forth thy bleſſed truth and vnſpeakeable mercye towardes vs with often, or rather continuall praiſes. But in the meane ſeaſon, what ſoeuer we haue done diſhoneſtly or after a wicked maner agaynſt thee, according to thy louing mercye and excellent goodneſſe forgiue it vs, neyther ſuffer thoſe greeuous puniſhments and wofull calamities to ouerwhelme vs, which our ſinnes haue iuſtly deſerued. And let ſuch as ſeeke thy diſhonour and our confuſion, be put to vtter

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shame and rebuke: but cause those that be exceeding zealous and very carefull of thy blessed name, to be replenished with true ioy and perfect gladnesse. But seing thou right well knowest that we are greatlye dispised, & marueylous destitute of worldly and fleshly helpe, make thou hast mightily to saue vs, who art our puyssaunt defence, and very strong fortresse, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xlj. Psalme.

A prayer against the enimies of Gods holy worde, and for ỹ workes of charitye.

IT is a token of no small grace (O most mightie God) well to iudge both of such as be feeble minded, and also of all the Godly whome thou doest sometime chastice and scourge diuers maner of wayes, although thou beest correction with a fatherly affection, yet wilt thou readily deliuer them, spædily quicken them, and in the ende abundantly blesse them with thy excellent presence: which hope we also leaning vnto, and trusting vpon, (who are nowe most grieuously afflicted) doe here togither earnestly require thee to haue mercy vpon vs, by re-

leuing and deliuering vs from the greeuous sinnes wherewith we haue most heinously offended thee. Thou knowest vndoubtedly that the cruell enimies of thy holy Gospell, wishe vs muche euill: thou vnderstandest what they ymagine and determine amongest themselues of our destruction. They verily practise and goe about nothing more then to ouerthrow thy blessed Church, and with them also do such take part as we thought to haue beene alyed with vs, both by religion, and also for many other respectes and good turnes. Extend thou therefore (O good God) thy mercie and compassion towardes vs, whereby thou hast beene accustomed not onely to rayse vp suche as are fallen and lie vnder foote, but also vtterly to confound and bring their aduersaries to vtter ruine. Giue not the fierce enimies of true religion and perfect godlinesse, scope to reioyce at thy faithfull seruants destruction. But if thou wilt mightily deliuer vs out of these present calamities, and with great force confirme the same by thy holy spirite, thy blessed name shall be openly commended and highlye praysed of all godly men, which thing wee

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earnestly require may continually come to passe and that without ceassing, throughe Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

There remaine wonderfull great rewardes (O most good and mercifull God) for such as haue much compassion vpon the afflicted: but those that shewe mercy vnto the most miserable, and such men as be in great distresse, doe immitate and follow the example of thy exceeding great goodnesse. For thou art woont to comfort thy faythfull seruaunt which lieth sore sicke in his bed, so that thou thy selfe seemest to make the same, to the intent that he which is diseased might lye the softer, neyther is there anye point of dutifulnesse which wee accompt most singuler, wherewith thou doest not verye fauourably pleasure and serue the turne of thy blessed people, whensoeuer thou shalt thinke time conuenient to helpe them. Wherefore seeing we may well perceyue that (for our greeuous sinnes) we be fallen into most daungerous and sore di-

stresses, we humbly flie vnto thy goodnesse onely, hoping that thou wilt vouchsafe to remit whatsoeuer we haue offended or displeased thee in, neyther suffer the wicked enimies of our saluation, to triumph and reioyce at our destruction, forsomuch as it shalbe manifested in this one poynt, that thou doest make a verye great accompt of vs, when as thou art our strong defender in such a noysome and troublesome tyme. Succour vs (we humbly beseech thee) and shew how thou doest mightily vpholde vs, whereby we maye (according to our bounden dutie. Publishe and set forth the worthie prayses of thy most glorious name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .lxij. Psalme.

A prayer in distresse for the comfort of the gospell.

There is none (O most mightye God) that well & rightly considereth thy inestimable goodnesse, but with a feruēt mind doth (like vnto a hart that is very thirstie) breathe and fervently pray vnto thee both day and night: for howe can it be that any man hauing a true fayth, should not make earnest haste

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to come vnto the liuing God: but we haue bene hitherto greatly slacke in that harty desire, neyther haue we vnfeynedly sought God (as we ought to doe) in the sacred and holy Congregations. Therefore, (through much heauinesse and sorrow) piteous teares haue bene oure meate and drinke in these marueylous troublesome times, whyles the most cruell enimies of thy blessed Church doe daply mocke and iest at vs, saying where is their God. But as thou (O good God) art mercifull and most gentle, so lay downe and turne away (we humbly beseech the) thy heauie displeasure which thou hast rightly conceiued agaynst vs, and remembring thy faythfull promises, graunt vnto vs (although we in no wise deserue it) that our assured hope and constant fayth may be most firme and strong, so as our soule be not cast downe lower then it ought to be. For although floods, tempestes, and bottomlesse pittes of temptations seeme to be poured out vpon thy blessed Church, yet so allwage and moderate them with the goodnesse of thy singuler mercye and excellent grace, that our minde and conscience be not depryued

of their perfect ioy. Graunt, that we being stirred vp with thy holy spirite, maye alwayes incourage our selues to hope and trust in thy most stedfast helpe bicause we shall yet still celebrate and prayse thy glorious name, for restoring vs health and perfect quietnes, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WEe desire with our whole heart (O most good and mercifull God) to be knit & annexed vnto thee, dayly hungring and thirsting for the same, bicause we can not without great sorrow and griefe, beare the gybes and scornings both of our owne minde and of our cruell aduersaries (when thou seemest to haue forsaken vs) wherewith they mocke at godlinesse and faith conceyued, namelye by casting vs in the teeth with the wofull cares, piteous miseries, and lamentable calamities that we (being sore oppressed) seeme in a maner to be rast downe with, and that so much the more bicause our owne sinnes become euery day greater and greater. We humbly beseech thee (O good God) for thy excellent

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mercies sake, to pardon and forgiue vs the same, whereby we maye be made able to confirme & strengthen our selues, being assuredly printed in our mindes by thee onely: and saying that our euill affections and grieuous terrors of punishments are very troublesome vnto vs, graunt that we (being mightily strengthned with thy louing promise) maye comfort our owne afflicted soules, perswading thē, that as they trust onely in thee, so shall they be in good hope cheerefully to celebrate thy moste glorious name, bicause thou art both become their perfect saluation, and also their true God, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the xliij. Psalme.

TAke at length vpon thée (O moste good and mightie God) through thy owne authoritie and inuincible power, the iudgement of our cause, which although it indeuoureth to maintaine and vpholde the true worshipping of thée & thy pure religion, for which thinges sake, the same is very good, and yet neuertheleſſe is it forsaken and disallowed

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of all men. Wherefore we haue exceeding great nede that thou doest deliuer vs from deceyptfull and wicked men. Thou onely remainest ỹ chiefe cõfort, assured strength, and strong defence of thy blessed Church: Notwithstanding we haue liued vnworthy of thy holye name, profession, and doctrine, but such is thy vnspeakable mercye, that it hydeth such mens iniquities as vnfeynedly repent and turne vnto thée, it forgiueth heynous sinnes, and will not lay to the charge of the faythfull whatsoeuer they haue most wickedly committed. Therefore we heartily require thée to haue pitie vpon vs, and make vs in such wise partakers of thy splendent light and glorious truth, that we may both here worship thée purely in the holy congregations, and at the last bée conducted to the most blessed habitations of eternall life. Our soule truely is nowe heauy and vtterly dismaied: we are oftentimes vexed with timerous imaginations, and the bowelles within vs doe tremble and quake for feare. Yet we humbly beseech thée (O excellent father) to confirme such an assured hope in vs, that we may hereafter set forth thy worthie prayses, and be

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excéding chearefull for the obteyning of our saluation, when as thou shalt declare thy selfe to be our most famous God, as in very déede thou art, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WEe commit our cause to thy strong defence and puyssaunt gouernment (O most mightie God) being in marueylous great daunger, and in so great perils of this sinfull life. For although we haue no strength and power in our selues, so long as we continue in this most miserable life, wherevnto may we leane, seing we be wretchedly overlayde with originall sinne, and an infinite number of wickednesses adioyned thereto: yet we humblye beseech thee, let the cléere light of thy most louing countenaunce shine vpon vs, that the darkenesse of our minde may be made bright thereby. For if it happen vnto vs through thy vnspeakably mercie, to be replenished with thy excéding gladnesse and incredible ioy, we will then bid our minde (which otherwise would be abashed) to be

of good cheare. This one thing we hartily require of thee, to vouchsafe for to graunt vs, that we maye repose our whole trust and affiaunce in thee alone, bicause thou onely art become our saluation and verye true God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the, xliiij. Psalme.

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Thou hast of thy singuler goodnesse (O most mightie God) chosen thee a Church out of many nations, planted with thy puyssaunt hand, and not by mans force, which beyng (thorowe thy singuler fauour and blessed spirite) clensed and pourged from hir heinous sinnes, hath hitherto escaped the mischieuous assaultes of the cruell deuill, through thy mightie ayde and strong defence: thou hast alwayes preserued it from hir outragious aduersaryes, and put them to vtter shame & endlesse rebuke which bore deadly hate thereto. We ought therefore to haue reioysed in the alone, and highly to extoll thy blessed name onely: but alas for sorowe, we haue beene most vngratefull

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for all these excellent benefites, in flesh and mans power hath bene our onely affiance, for we (through our most wicked life and vngodly behauiour) haue brought thy blessed doctrine which we professe, to great infamie and reproche. Thou therefore doest cast vs down presently, and heapest shame vpon vs: we are now in a maner become a prape vnto Antechrist, and a mocking stocke vnto our neighbours. Thy sacred Gospell (O good God) is at this present a bye worde vnto the Infidels, a scorne vnto the people, and a Maygame vnto euerye rascall: we acknowledge that all these thinges haue happened vnto vs by reason of our mischieuous sinnes, and that right worthelye. But (O excellent Father) reconcile vs againe vnto thée (according to thy mercifull goodnesse) and vouchsafe to pardon whatsoeuer we haue very lewdlye and foolishlye committed agaynst thy diuine Maiestie, and graunt also that we be not any thing at all forgetfull of thée, neither be found false harted, or vnfaythful in thy holy couenant. Let not our minde at any tyme start and shrinke aside from thy blessed fotesteppes, although we should be

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wo:ne to the vttermoſt, and compaſſed a-
bout on euerie ſide with the ſhadowe of
death. Let vs neuer ſo ouerſhote our ſel-
ues, (no though we be appoynted as ſhæpe
to the ſlaughter) as to be fo:getfull of thy
glo:ious name, and to haue recourſe vnto
deteſtable wo:ſhipings. Awake (we hum-
bly beſeech thée (O god God) neither ſlum-
ber no: ſlæpe thou any mo:e. Let not thy
face be hidden from our græuous afflicti-
ons: ariſe and mightily p:eſerue them that
are th:owne downe, and b:ought verye
low, whome we doubt not but thou of thy
vnſpeakeable mercy haſt choſen vnto thy
ſelfe, th:ough Jeſus Chriſt our lo:d. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

WOnderfull things are ſet fo:th vnto
vs in the ſacred ſcriptures (O moſt
good and mercifull God) of thy excellent
mercy and victo:ious acts which thou haſt
ſhewed in old time, as touching the ſtrong
defence, the mightie p:eſeruation, and ex-
cellent increaſing of thy faithfull ſeruants:
by hearing whereof, we are aſſuredly per-
ſwaded to repoſe oure whole trvſt in thée
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onely, and not in our owne ſtrength, ry-
ches, and power. But nowe (being ſore
oppreſt with the moſt grieuous burthen of
our heynous ſinnes, when as we feele the
deſerued reuengement of thy heauy wrath,
and fearing more dreadfull paynes and
ſharpe puniſhments, (as men whoſe con-
ſciences do iuſtly accuſe them) earneſtly re-
quire thee, who art alwayes verye merci-
full, to pardon and forgiue whatſoeuer
we haue lewdly commited agaynſt thy
diuine Maieſtie: furthermore, if thou ſhalt
purpoſe and determine with thy ſelfe to
ver vs with bitter calamities and wofull
miſeryes, graunt that the ſame be not the
cauſe we defile the godly awe and reue-
rence which is due of our partes vnto thee:
neyther ſuffer thou vs to haue recourſe vn-
to any other counſels then thine. Stirre vp
thy ſelfe therefore, and make haſte to helpe
vs: for thou ſeemeſt to haue turned away
thy fauor from vs, whyle thou prolongeſt
the tyme to be our ſtrong helper. And ther-
fore, to the intent thy accuſtomed tender
mercy and fauourable goodneſſe maye bee
manifeſted and well knowne, vouchſafe
mightily to deliuer vs from theſe daunge-
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rous perils that inuiron and compasse vs about on euery side, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xlv. Psalme.

A prayer for saluation purchased vnto vs by Christ.

WE haue Christ Iesus (O moste good and mercifull God) an onelye and most ample King to all sortes of good men, whose force as it is verie notable, so is the throne of hys glorious Empire established for euer. His excellent power is inuincible, it is garnished with most notable righteousnesse, he standeth in highe fauour with thee, and is (in his vnspeakeable wisedome) right glorious. The Church is vnto him as a most royall Quéne espoused, to the intent she may bring him forth a most plentifull and holy séede. We therefore which ought with all our indeuour to haue honored so mightie a King, haue (through our naughtinesse, and lewde behauiour) defiled his excellent name and holy kingdome, which we now heartily acknowledge, and earnestly confesse before the (O most excellent father) humbly requiring thy diuine maiestie to pardon, and forgiue vs the same,

same, that we being receyued into thy louing fauour, may téele a fresh the benifits of our good king: and although we neyther merite nor deserue the same, yet graunt that he may arise in this time of our great distresse, be girded about with his two edged sworde, and deliuer his déere espoused Church from the violent iniuries and opprobrious slaunders of Antichrist. Let him now drawe out the excéeding sharpe darts of his mightie worde and blessed spirit, and execute the rodde of seuere iudgement and righteousnesse, wherewith he hath béene alwayes accustomed to gouerne his kingdome: and at this present verie manifestly to declare that he greatly loueth truth, and hateth iniquitie as a most wicked thing, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

THy onely begotten sonne our Lord Iesus Christ (O most good and mercifull God) is worthie to be commended by all meanes possible that can be deuised, who hath aboue all things vttered and set forth him selfe elegantlye and after a beautifull

maner, in the forme of excellent vertues, and shape of pure holinesse, vsing a most gentle maner of perswasion, both in his teaching and exhortation, and bringeth all things vnder his diuine power and omnipotent gouernment, through the puissant swoorde of his blessed woorde, and efficacie of his incomparable force: who hath from time to time shewed himselfe a verie great louer of righteousnesse, & a most extreme enimie of iniquitie. But whereas we sinfull wretches as a chast spouse in wedlocke were handfasted to such & so puissant a one as he is, haue defiled our selues through sundrie and manifolde spottes of corrupt vices. Therefore our earnest request is, that thou wouldest cleanse vs with heartie repentaunce and thy blessed spirit, whereby the wicked and lewde desires that bee grafted in vs, being once forgotten, wee may altogither aspire vnto the loue of this most delectable bridgrome, & that through our labor layde togither in bande of our fathers, who are now alreadie gathered vnto him, manie mo faithfull children maye be begotten vnto him a new, wyth whome we may alwayes set out and celebrate his

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famous honour and moste noble prayses, thorowe the selfe same Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xlvj. Psalme.

A prayer for victorie in temptation.

Whosoeuer doe certainely beléeue thée (O most good and mercifull God) to be their onely hope and assured strength, thou hast béene alwayes very prone & readie to helpe them in their great afflictions. Wherefore the faithfull are bitterly voyde of all maner of feare, although the whole earth be moued, the hilles shake, the waues and sourges of the sea doe so outragiously beate vppon the shore, that all things may seeme incontinent to be destroyed and quite ouerflown with waters: and on the other side they are indued with a great and notable assurance, when as thou refreshest them in their grieuous distresses, with the most pleasaunt riuers of thy heauenly consolations, namelye in setting out the rare and wonderfull meanes of thy assistant helpe thorough thy fruitfull spirit. Vpon which thy excellent goodnesse, we also hauing as-

ſured confidence, notwithſtanding the innumerable ſinnes which we confeſſe to be the chiefe cauſe why we haue offended thee moſt greeuouſly, require that thou wouldſt ſhake and make feeble the Nations and Kingdomes which thou ſeeſt doe reſiſt thy ſacred Churche with great violence, and moſt craftie deuices: ſhew forth that voyce of thine wherewith the earth and euerye creature therin are wont to be ſhaken and vtterly brought to naught. Be thou (O our God) as a moſt ſtrong and vnuincible Tower vnto vs: cauſe thou warres here to ceaſſe, and make thou ſpeares, horſe, charets, and all kinde of weapons blunt, that they may finally leaue of their lewde enterpriſes, who mightily fight againſt vs, and ſhewe thou thy ſelfe great and excellent aboue all things, while thou doeſt manifeſt thy ſelfe to be better for our deliuerannce then all the armies and puyſſance of the whole worlde, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

AFter what ſort ſoeuer a very ſodaine or horrible miſhappe (O moſt mightie God)

God) ſhall ſoꝛe ber bs, our hope ſhall not faile bs, neyther will we be any thing diſmaied oꝛ troubled, ſeeing we are now fully reſolued that thou art our onely helper and deliuerer: although the whole woꝛlde be moued, the ſtoꝛmes of humaine fleſh do ſwelt, and that all the Deuils of hell with their whole furniture ſhoulde ſeeme to ſhake all thinges of ours, yet do we repoſe and ſettle our ſelues in thy vnſpeakeable goodneſſe, and inuincible power. Oure ſinnes truely deſtrue all maner of trouble and enmitie: but foꝛgiue thou bs them, (accoꝛding to thy accuſtomed goodneſſe) and pitiyng our preſent calamities, graunt that ſuch as vnfeynedly call vpon thee, may enioy health, peace, and quietneſſe of minde: foꝛ thou canſt very eaſily diſappoynt and breake the ſwoꝛdes, bowes, warlike ingines, and all the craftie deceyptes and imaginations of the Deuill, not onely through thy moſt mightie and inuincible woꝛde, but alſo euen with a becke, and at thy onely will and pleaſure: our earneſt requeſt is (O good God) to applie our ſelues here vnto that wee maye attentiuely beholde thoſe maruelous actes which thou doeſt foꝛ thy

faithfull seruauntes, whereby all Nations maye right well knowe and perceyue that thou takest our part, and determinest to bée a continuall helper, of thy blessed people, throughe Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xlvij. Psalme.

A prayer for the good successe and increasment of the Gospell.

THou hast vouchedsafe (O moste mightie God) to gather and collect a Churche vnto thy selfe on earth, which thou hast not conueyed into stonie houses, or Temples of Marble, but into the liuely hearts of men, whome thou deckest and garnishest with thy most wonderfull giftes, and doest polishe the same passing well with the holy Ghost: and therefore seeing they be indued with so great a rewarde, it behoueth all faythful people to make an exceeding pleasant mirth and ioyfull gladnesse. But the most deadly and heynous sinnes which we haue committed, doe greatly darken these thankes giuings and mery songs, who are worthily verye sore oppressed with the afflictions of them: and seing we heartily acknowe-

knowledge and earnestly confesse that we haue hitherto gone astray, and suffer none other wise then we haue most iustly deserued: thou that art very mercie it selfe, forgiue thy faythfull people, and thou also who art most highe, and rulest farre and nære, destroy vs not according to our merits. Graunt (O excellent father) that our naughtie and lewd behauiours hinder not the propagation of thy glorious kingdom: arise and go forwards by causing straunge people to be in subiection to the fayth, and make those Nations (which haue bëne hitherto Infidels) obedient to thy sacred worde: and thou who hast chosen thée a Church as a most notable and famous heritage, magnifie thy selfe continually by al meanes and with most exquisite prayses therein, in such wise as all men maye accompt, preach, and exalt thée for their king: but as for thy faythfull seruants who now séeme to be aboue all others most cast awayes, lighten them in such wise with thy blessed spirit, and rule them so by thy holy worde, as all men may perceyue that they be guyded and gouerned by thy mightye power. And vouchsafe that the soueraigne

eſtates and what power ſoeuer is in the worlde, may at length be annexed and knit vnto thee, that thou be none otherwiſe their God then thou wert in olde time the God of faythfull Abraham. Graunt that the kings and princes who ought of dueties to helpe and defende their ſubiectes, may perfectly acknowledge thee, whereby thy famous honour and renowmed glorie maye moſt brightly ſhine therein to the ſinguler benefite of thy ſacred Church, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

IT behoueth all faithfull people (O moſt good and gracious God) to extoll and aduaunce the kingdome of Chriſt with an exceeding ioy, wonderfull gladneſſe, and moſt hartie endeuour: for ſo thy vnſpeakable goodneſſe is both mightily declared, and we alſo are come to the full attainement of our ſaluation. Surely it is verye requiſite that all people & Nations ſhould be in ſubiection to his gouernment, and the worlde ſhall go beſt on our ſide, who be his peculier heritage, and eſpecial flock.

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We heartily require thée therefore (O our moſt puyſſaunt king) who art exalted into the high heauens, and vnto the right hand of thy father to vouchſafe for to acquite vs of the heynous faultes we haue grieuouſly committed, and whatſoeuer ſorrowfull calamities and ſtraunge miſhaps be like to fall vpon vs, put them of from our ſhoulders through thy inestimable mercie and mightie power, whereby thou thy ſelfe alone mayeſt beare rule and reigne in our mindes. And graunt that all kinges, all princes and great ſtates that haue authoritie vpon earth, may vnſeperably cleaue vnto thée being the rightfull and moſt true God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xlviij. Pſalme.

A prayer for the chriſtian Church and congregation

Thy excellent Maieſtie and exceeding honour (O moſte good and mercifull God) aboundeth greatly in the Church, ſeeing that thou doeſt mightily rule hir with thy ſacred worde and holye ſpirite, neyther art thou marueylouſly prayſed there onely: but what

what comlineſſe or perfect ioy ſoeuer is in the whole worlde, it iſſueth and proceedeth doubtleſſe from thée. And forſomuch as thou art farre better knowne there then any where elſe, it commeth hereof, that thou art in the ſame place a ſure defence and moſte ſtrong fortreſſe to thy faythfull ſeruauntes. Let the kinges therefore aſſemble togither, and the princes conſpire (as they thinke good) vtterly to ſubuert and ouerthrow hir, yet ſhall they be inforced to leaue of their fonde deuices, as who at the feeling of thy mighty power preſent (being ſtriken with exceeding feare) muſt néedes ceaſſe from their wicked attempts: for ſuch as thou ſtrykeſt a feare into, they are ouertaken wyth ſorowe as women laboring of childe. Wherefore (O good God) ſuffer not our heynous ſinnes to exceede & ſurmount thy vnſpeakable goodneſſe: we truely haue offended thée verye grieuouſly (neyther doe we denie the ſame) but togither with oure heynous ſinnes wée acknowledge alſo thy exceeding great mercy, which we ſéeke for with ſorowfull teares, that we may at length be reconciled vnto thée, not for our owne deſerts, but through

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the inestimable goodnesse, louing fauour, and bening grace of thy dære sonne: and graunt that the fierce enimies of thy blessed Church may in lykewise come to vtter ruine, as shippes are oftentymes tozne amiddest the sea through the very great and exceeding hideous noyse of the wind which is sodenlye stirred vp: so that like as wee haue heard with our eares thy most large promises set forth and preached out of the holy Scriptures, so we may also with our eyes sée them mightily come to passe and be performed. We haue alreadie conceyued an assured hope and stedfast confidence by those thinges which are set out vnto vs in thy most blessed worde, now graunt (wee humbly beseech thée) that the thing maye take so good successe, as through the publishing of thy glorious name and goodnesse, incontinent after the performaunce of thy excellent benefites, we may with great solemnitie render due thankes for the same. And to the intent it maye be euery where knowne, that whatsoeuer proceedeth from thée, is nothing else but vpright iustice: be thou our God, euen our God I say, both so long as we here liue, and also euerlastingly,

ſtingly, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

ALl creatures (O moſt good and mercifull God) doe plainelye and euidentlye acknowledge thy great goodneſſe: but thy ſacred Church is the eſpecial worke wherin thou art ſingularlye preached and magnified. From thence all the whole worlde receyueth gladneſſe, for ſo much as the ſounde doctrine is there, wherby both thou thy ſelfe art manifeſtly knowne, & we alſo called to heauen, for what moſt pleaſaunt, ioyful, and bleſſed thing ſo euer can be had vppon earth, it floriſheth there. And therefore no maruell is it, though the aduerſaries force rageth againſt hir with cruell threatning, outragious madneſſe, and furious violence: if thou be at hande without delay, thou doeſt maintain, fauor, and defend it in ſuch wiſe, that the mighty rulers of the worlde, and princes of darkeneſſe are inforced will they nill they to be ſore troubled to runne hedlong away, & to be marueylouſly diſquieted with exceeding great

great feare. Their impotent threatnings are vtterly disapoynted through thy mighty power: but there thy faithfull seruants are vnburthened of their heauie cares and sadde greefes, which benifites of thine we now and then feele not, because we fall exceeding miserably and meruelous painfully into sundrie and manifolde faults, being driuen therto partly by infirmitie, and partly through ignorance. By this so great honor of thy glorious house, we humbly beseech thee therefore to blot out whatsoeuer we haue committed against thee, to the intent that thou thy selfe mayst rule and gouerne vs in the same Church, to the glory of thy most excellent name, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xlix. Psalme.

A prayer that we abuse not temporall goodes.

WE heartily require thee (O most mightie God) that fayth may be annexed to the doctrine of thy holy Ghost, when as being greuously afflicted through the naughtie behauiour of our outragious enimies, we maye duely way this with our selues, that they

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stay most vpon their transitorie riches and welth wherein they much abounde : for they verilye perceyue not that men can by no riches in this world redeme themselues from death and eternall damnation. Bridle thou (O excellent father) our affections, in such wise that no fraile things take any place at all in vs. Let the common infirmity and miserie which is wholy sowne in such as we be, admonish vs, or else verie death ẏ spreadeth it selfe ouer all people, how wise or foolish soeuer men be, they can in no sort so mocke death, as alwayes to kéepe and inioy the goods they haue gotten in this wreched world. We also doe plainly confesse, that we haue oftentimes fallen on this behalfe, who, trusting in worldlye strength, were perswaded of wonderfull victories, pompes, & triumphes, as though our names shoulde haue beene exalted aboue all measure. Neyther did we well consider that a good fortune, and prosperous successe of the fleshe, endureth but a time, and so many as haue assured confidence in them, shall perishe at length lyke beastes, and are put into hell, and inprisoned vnder an euerlasting night. Forgiue

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vs (O good God) this heynous crime, that putting awaye and casting aside all vayne hope of worldly welth, thou thy selfe mayst take vs vp into thy tuition, and rayse vs from eternal death and the paines of Hell. Graunt that we stande in no feare at all of them, who haue greatly increased themselues and their houses with riches and honor, all which things are but commodious onely for this present life, that they might be the better able to follow the sensuall appetite of their fleshly lustes. Finally, we humbly require thée (O good God) to deliuer thy blessed church from these outragious enimies which haue not this perceyueraunce, as to vnderstande that the honor and authoritie they haue, is giuen them of God, whoe dye not onely like senseleſſe beastes, but (being depriued of their worldly goods) shall after this wretched life, suffer eternall punishment, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

The renowmed oracles of the sacred doctrine which thou hast vouched safe to set

set out in the holye scriptures, ought men (O mightie God) well to consider with most attentiue mindes: yea, there is no man so ignorant, or any of so high degree, but it behoueth him verie diligentlye to ponder and waye the excellent things that thou speakest. And this thou chiefly admonishest vs off, that we haue not that confidence in the pleasures of this world, (being verie vayne and frayle) which wée ought to repose in thee only. What thing soeuer is wonderfull, puissaunt, exceeding strong, meruailous excellent, or verye honourable amongst men, are of no force to redéeme and deliuer vs from death: but such is their propertie and condition, that they are quickly chaunged, & perish in the twinckling of an eie: neyther may the man which hath his whole affiaunce in these, abide anye while in honor. For so sone as they wither and perish, so sone also doth their counterfeit renowme fade away. Wherefore we earnestly require thee (O good father) to forgiue vs, because we haue hither to (so long, and with such a feruent desire) trusted in these transitorie riches, that oure harts and mindes being withdrawne ther-

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fro, thou wouldest most straightly annire them to thee and thy sacred wordes, to the intent we may delight in nothing more, then to folowe thee, and therefully indeuour to do whatsoeuer is thy holy will and pleasure, least we become as brute beastes, and perish like most dumme cattel, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. L. Psalme.

A prayer for remembrance in distresse of y last iudgement & promises of god.

O Puyssant and most mighty God, who of thy bountifull mercy hast vouchedsafe to gather thee a blessed Church out of all parts of the worlde, and that first by the Apostles whom in Mount Sion thou indewdst with thy sonnes most abundaunt spirite. Neyther wouldest thou for any other cause gather thy very chosen and good people so wonderfully togither, but that a true way how to worship thee (wherein doubtlesse consisteth the whole perfection of faythfull beleuers) might at length be vniuersally knowne amongst all nations: and cause vs to learne that godlinesse doth not altogither consist in outward obseruations and most dumme

ceremonies. For like as these thinges doe
please thee so long as they are witnesses
and testimonies of fayth, so if they be dest-
tute thereof, they are exceeding odious, and
very detestable in thy sight. The thing that
thou chiefly requirest of vs, is this, that thy
holy name may be highly praysed and duly
glorified, not only in words and thoughts,
but with all the dedes of this our life. Thy
blessed will is that we shoulde vnfeynedly
performe whatsoeuer we haue hartily pro-
mised, and with feruent zeale vowed vnto
thee, so as we be assuredly perswaded that
they are both agreeable to thy sacred word,
and a furtheraunce to perfect godlinesse.
Moreouer thou requirest vs to inuocate
and call vpon thee when we are most touc-
hed with aduersitie, and to render due
thankes to thy diuine Maiestie (as expedi-
ent it is so to doe) at what time soeuer we
be mightily deliuered therefro. Thou doest
exact & require these things at our handes
as the chiefest poynts of our religion. But
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tymes the holy Scriptures when our hart was farre from them: discipline hath bene displeasaunt vnto vs, and we haue euerye where (through our moste wicked lustes) neglected thy sacred commaundementes. Now therfore (for thy singuler mercie and infinite goodnesse sake) pardon and forgiue vs these our misdædes, and mightily deliuer vs from such as (being wrapped in with rapine and vnchastnesse) spake most vilenously of thy sanctified Churche and holy Gospell, beleuing that thou spiest not the naughtinesse which they lewdly commit, when as thou sæmest not to reuenge it, but very patiently to permit and suffer the same. Cause them shortlye to vnderstand this right well, neither let vs be harped thus violently of them, as thoughe there were none that coulde or would deliuer vs, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

THou hast shewed vnto vs (O most good and mightie God) through that seuere sentence of thine, by what thing mortall

mens causes are to be decided before thy high iudgement seate, and it liketh thée nothing at all to make inquisition for burnt offerings, or outward sacrifices, seeyng the Calues, Goates, wilde beastes, and finally all liuing thinges that be in the worlde, are in thy mighrie hande and power, neyther was it thy good pleasure at any tyme that these thinges should be offered vnto thée, any otherwise, but as manifest tokens of reuerent awe, pure religion, and inward godlinesse. But thou hast chiefly required this of mankind, that they should yelde and render most hartie thankes for the benefites they haue receyued, and to ascribe all the good thinges they inioy vnto thée onely: but let them diligently annexe and ioine this thereunto, that whatsoeuer they pretend or purpose to do, it may (according to they? faythfull promise) greatly redowne to the glorie of thy blessed name, and call vpon thée onely in their great distresse and miserable calamities. We do in this point (as thou O good God right well knowest) erre very greeuously: and therefore our harty desire is, that (for thy infinite goodnesse sake) thou wouldest pardon and forgiue

forgiue whatsoeuer we haue wickedly and after a lewde maner committed agaynst thée, so as we handle not thy sacred worde to our condemnation, least we be, through thy vpright sentence, pronounced wonderfull arrogant, straunge children, exceeding couetous, giuen to fleshly lust, and cursed speakers, but rather that we may earnestly offer vnto thee an acceptable sacrifice of thankesgiuing, and fashion our whole life according to the square rule of thy blessed commaundements, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lj. Psalme.

A prayer for remission of sinnes.

WEe lamentablye wyth hartye prayer call vpon thy louing mercie (O moste good and gracious God) that we maye be clensed, washed, and pourged from our heinous iniquities, and exceeding detestable and mischieuous dedes: who do acknowledge and confesse howe lewdly we haue hitherto behaued our selues, but our grieuous sinnes shall neuer be of such force, as to make thée vniust, or false of thy excellent promise:

we truely doe right well vnderſtand that our deſerts are not ſuch, as thou ſhouldeſt vouchſafe to make moſt large and notable promiſes vnto vs, but ſtand nowe in great nede of thy vnſpeakable faythfulneſſe and conſtancie to helpe vs. Thou ſeeſt that we were brought forth into this worlde corrupted and defiled euen from our mothers wombe, and were before conceyued in the ſame iniquities alſo: purifie therefore our mindes, and garniſh them with ſuch a paſſing whiteneſſe as ſeemeth acceptable vnto thee. Create in vs a pure heart, a right, holy, and ſeruiceable ſpirit, that we be not caſt of from thee as moſte wicked perſons, but may recouer the true ioyes and perfect conſolation. If thou wilt deliuer vs from thoſe deadly ſinnes which accuſe vs as giltie of eternall death, our lippes ſhall merily and with right great ioy ſhewe forth thy worthie prayſe. Graunt (we heartily beſeech thee) that we may approche vnto thy diuine Maieſtie with a troubled ſpirite, and an humble and contrite heart, as an offring wherein thou chiefly delighteſt: then ſhall our preſent calamities be mollefied, and then alſo ſhall we not celebrate thy

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prayses vnthankefully: manifest thy louing kindnesse vnto Sion, thy beloued Church: for thou right well perceyuest the manifold perils it is subiect vnto, and that she is grieuously assaulted both without and within. We hartily require thée to deliuer hir not onely from outward enimies, but also reforme the same, and set it in good state, to the intent she may not séeme altogither vnworthie such an husband as thou art, through Iesus Christ our lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

WEe acknowledge (O moste mightie God) with howe great a pernicious infection of sinnes wée haue defiled oure mindes: which thing séeing that it is most troublesome and exceedingly grieueth vs, neyther can we (through our own strength and good workes) wash out the spottes alreadie conceyued: but this is our onely refuge, that we may come vnto thée béeing the well spring of mercye, so that thou hauing compassion vpon vs, mayest doe away our grieuous offences, washe away our deadly iniquities, blot out our heinous

sinnes, and purifie againe our vices, wherwith we are wonderfully infected euen frō our conception and birth. For if thou wilt most frankly pardon the misdædes and wickednesse wherwith we are sore burthened, then verily shalt thou appeare to be exceeding true, faythfull, and most constant in thy faythfull promises. Vouchsafe to sprinckle vs with the bloud of thy only begotten sonne, by whiche one soueraigne thing both the soule and bodie maye bée renued with a marueylous comfortable ioy. We earnestly desire a new heart to be created in our bowels, and to be indued also with thy most noble spirite, to the entent we may not compelled, but with right good will, offer vnto thee a sacrifice of a troubled and contrite heart, which thou neuer vsest to contemne: that finally beyng so clensed by thy gracious fauour and louing mercie, we maye alwayes offer vnto thée an acceptable sacrifice of thankesgiuing, throughe Iesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .Lij. Psalme.

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Such as haue (through their owne maliciousnesse) preuayled, and by their pernicious factes attayned vnto some auctoritie, are woont to boast arrogantly thereof, and haue alwaies had a great delight in cursed words, accompting it for the singularest pleasure in the worlde, to do hurt, to lye, & to speake very deceyptfully. But yet (like miserable wretches as they be) they doe not in the meane while diligently consider howe sodainly & in a time vnlooked for, their prosperous estate and such transitorie goodes, will be turned vp side downe, and they also to haue no porcion at all of eternall saluation, in such sort as they shall not haue any place in the land of the liuing. But we O almighty and most mercifull God (who chiefly trust in thy vnspeakable mercy & infinite goodnesse) beseech thee, ẏ the heynous sinnes being done awaye, whereinto we haue through humain inbecility oftẽtimes fallẽ, may be of a right lowly mind, neither puffed vp wͤ arrogancye through any of thy excellent gifts, but by the fall & ouerthrow of prowde persons, may rightly perceyue, that they tooke not God for their inuincible

A prayer agaynst all pernicious seducement.

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ſtrength and ſure defence, but riches and worldlye proſperitie. Graunt vs we humbly beſeech the for thy infinite mercie and goodneſſe ſake, ſtedfaſtly to repoſe our whole confidence in the only, and that we may like the leaue and flouriſhing Olive tree, liue fruitfullye in thy ſacred Church, and magnifie the (as meete it is ſo to be) becauſe thou art moſte richely liberall to ſuche as be thy faythfull and louing ſeruauntes, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Liij. Pſalme.

A prayer for deliueraunce out of trouble through faith

GOD be vnto the brainſicke lewdneſſe of the vngodly which hath burſt forth into ſuche madneſſe, that they perſwade themſelues howe there is no God, whereby they leade a moſt filthy life, and are defiled thorowout with deteſtable conditions, and moſt abhominable factes: but as they be beneficiall to none, ſo do they ſeeke their owne things with doing of wrong to other folke. But, God, whome they little ſet by knoweth theſe their lewde practiſes right well: who, although

although he filleth the heauens with his Maiestie, yet espyeth he out mens wicked and leawde facts, amongst whome (alas for sorrow) he seth not one truly that setteth hys minde vpon goodnesse, saythfulnesse, and vprightnesse: all haue strayed aside from the right way, al oppresse the weaker sort, neyther do they vprightly honor God, nor truly call vpon his blessed name. But the tyme will come, when as these that be so carelesse shall be quickned vp with most vehement feare. And such as nowe seeme to welter fortunately in their owne wickednesse, shall at the last be depriued of all their goodes, and feele God to shewe himselfe angrie with them. Wherefore oure earnest requeste is (O heauenly father) that thou wouldest be fauourable and mercifull to such as flie vnto thee for succour, and loosen vs from the Chaynes of our grieuous sinnes wherewith we are fast bound, so that we maye be comforted with a right perfect ioy, and liue with thee in perpetuall felicitie and most happie blessednesse, thorow Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Liiij. Psalme.

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A prayer for helpe in necessities against the crueltie of the vngodly.

AT what time thy faythfull seruants (O most good and mercifull God) bee tost with doubtfull casualties, and their mindes very vnstable through most greeuous thoughts, then laying a side all mans helpe (which thou telleſt them is altogither vaine, and in no wise to be trusted vnto) do come vnto thee as their most strong defence, calling vpon thy inuincible Godhead (and that from the bottome of their heart) to deliuer them frō the outragious, vnmercifull, and cruel harted, who rise vp to assault thy deere saints, whome thou hast chosen vnto thy selfe to inherite thy glorious kingdome: and so much the more maliciously doe they deale with them, and practise all kinde of outrage, because they neuer sette thee before their eyes, whome they ought to haue in great honour and high reuerence. Seeing therefore (by reason of the heynous sinnes by vs committed) we perceyue that deserued tormentes and greeuous punishments doe hang ouer our heades, we require thee to shewe thy lawfull fauour vnto them which make humble intercession, who are hartily sorie in that they haue so greeuously offended

offended thée, and (for thy infinite mercies sake) stand in their defence when their raging and most cruell enimies do assault them, for although our merites require it not, yet neuertheleſſe doth thy assured faithfulneſſe, ſtedfaſt truth, and conſtant promiſes assure vs the ſame. But hauing atchieued our deſires, we ſhall with ſonges of prayſes, continually call vpon thée, and wil ſhewe forth our thankefull minde in the ioyfull Congregation of faithfull and godly men, through Jeſus Chriſt oure Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

WE doe continually call vpon thy glorious name (O moſt mightie God) to the intent we may find thy preſent helpe in theſe extréme miſeries of thy grieuous afflicted Church: it is nowe néedefull for thée (through thy force & inuincible power) to reſcue vs out of the hands of the vngodlye, and take vs vnto thy ſelfe: and although our corrupt maners and wicked life which we haue hitherto led, do nothing at all deſerue the ſame, yet notwithſtanding

ding we knowe thy fauourable mercie to be such that thou wilt not dispise those that flie vnto thée for succour, be they neuer so miserable and vnworthie: for that mercies sake therefore, and not for our good workes, which (as we haue none, so can we not boast of any) giue eare (O good God) vnto our deuout prayers, and gently accept the words that we with one consent haue powred out before thy diuine Maiestie: thou seest after what sort the wicked and straungers which feare thée not, doe most cruelly rise vp agaynst vs, who, séeing that they haue not thee nor thy sacred wordes before their eyes, go about by all the meanes they can possibly deuise, to ouerthrow thy blessed and sanctified Church. Be thou (we humblye beséeche thée) our readie helper, make thou thy seruauntes to be of a notable stout courage, and requite the vngodly with the notorious euils which they haue deserued, to the intent we may abundantly glorifie thy most excellent name, and euery where shewe forth thy vnspeakable goodnesse, because we be deliuered from all grieuous oppressions, and see those things light vpon thy enimies, which all the faith-

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full would right gladly wilhe to haue fallen vpon them, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .Lv. Psalme.

A prayer for saluation purchased vs by Christ.

WE are inforced (O most good and mercifull God) by reason of the extreame and vrgent distresse of the Church, to cry out dayly vnto thée: for we cannot be quiet in our minds, when as we both see and knowe for a certaintie, that those who wilhe muche euill vnto the Gospell, do so carefully indeuour themselues to bring such vnto confusion as vnfeynedly trust in thée, we greatly tremble, we are thorowly troubled, and quake for feare, wishing that we had wings like Doues: whereby we (eschuing these mischiefes) may at length rest quietly in thée. But very conuenient is it that we should be afflicted for our heynous sinnes wherewith we haue of long time, and that exceeding greeuously offended thée: those trulye are the occasion why these great mischiefes doe light vpon vs. But we earnestly require thée (O most excellent father) not to

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be more heynously moued against our wickednesse and very lewde behauiour, then thou wilt giue vs grace well to beare: deliuer vs (for thy infinite mercies sake) from subtill wordes, and deceiptfull deuices, and haue a great foresight that thy holy church be not sore plagued of them, who seme sometime greatly to fauour hir, and were partakers in the same with vs, of the most pleasant and swéte fode of thy blessed Sacraments: we nowe heartily call and earnestly cry vnto thée with importunate prayers, that as thou hast oftentymes heretofore miraculously holpen thy faythfull seruauntes, so thou wouldest at this present time deliuer vs from imminēt destruction. Let not the league be broken which those haue that be at one with thée. We nowe cast our heauie burthens and moste grée uous troublesome cares wholy vpon thy shoulders: vouchsafe to beare both them and vs also through thy mightie power: otherwise we slide and faint vnder the burthen, wherefore sustaine and increase this our feeble and slender hope with thy moste present and readie helpe, throughe Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

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An other prayer out of the same psalme.

THere is right great cause why wée should alwayes (O most mightie God) lamentably require thy ayding hande: for we are continually afflicted by sundrie misbaps of the worlde, the flesh, the Deuill, and enimies of righteousnesse, which moueth vs more often and after a vehementer sort to wishe that thou wouldest gyue vs wings and feathers of Doues, wherewith we might flie hence most spedily vnto thée: for here haue we no man to deliuer vs out of so great euils, but thée onely: yea so deceiptfull is the hope which we repose in men, that such as a man woulde iudge to be most bound vnto him in loue, those are founde his extrémest enimies: for venemous tongues do euery where scourge the godly: violence, quareling, wrongfulnesse, oppression, fraudes and deceipts doe in all places assault them. Wherefore we earnestly crie vnto thée euen from the heart rote, that our mindes being pourged, thou wouldst blot out the faults wherewith we are miserably stayned, and betake vs to thy

selfe who repose our whole confidence in thée onely: for we haue cast our heauy burthens and great griefes vppon thy backe. And in somuch as we are almost sunken downe vnder them, we beséech thée to hold vs vp with thy vnspeakable goodnesse and mightie power, that the confidence we haue affixed in thée, doe not slide nor bée weakened, but maye become strong and stedfast dayly more and more, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lvj. Psalme.

A prayer for a stedfast cõfession of the Gospell.

WIcked men (O moste good and mercifull God) go about to swallow vs vp: they doe assault and afflict vs so much as in them lyeth. But seing that thy mightie power far excelleth the princes & kinges of the earth, and our whole affiaunce dependeth on thée onely, extende nowe thy fauourable mercy vnto vs: for we heartily confesse that wée haue most grieuously prouoked thy heauie displeasure for our manifolde sinnes, considering that we haue so wretchedly dispised the doctrine of thy sacred law and Gospell, which

which thou hast sent vnto vs, that we haue alwayes hitherto bene a slaunder vnto the same. But nowe are we very heartily sorie for it, who trusting in the death and bloudshedding of thy sonne Iesus Christ our Sauiour, doe with great feruencie and most earnest prayers, lamentably call vpon thee for pardon of all our sinful crimes. For when thou shalt haue receyued vs into thy gracious fauour, we nede nothing at all to feare what flesh can doe agaynst vs. Thou shalt be present at thy owne case, and shalt see howe the vngodly doe all the day long raile vpon thy glorious Gospell, and true worshipping of thee, and how they continually imagine mischiefe agaynst thy deere and chosen people. Forsomuch as therefore they deale lewdely agaynst those whome thou hast redeemed, how shall they escape thy wrathfull indignation. Thou art wont to put downe thy aduersaries at what time thou art angrie with them. It is not thy propertie to be forgetfull of the sorowfull mournings and lamentable cries of thy poore afflicted seruaunts: for the whole number of our prayers are already written in the booke of thy prouidence. Har-

ken vnto them (O God our heauenly father) and when as we be moued and stirred vp through thy holy spirite to call vpon thy blessed name, turne thou our enimies back, and put them to flight. Be thou present with thy armie, defende it, strengthen it, and confirme the same with courageous boldenesse: if thou bee on oure side, wee will not feare what man doe againſt vs: who beeing deliuered by thee, shall magnifie thy blessed wordes and faythfull promises for euer. Vouchsafe (O good God) that we hauing atchieued peace & tranquillitie, may be conuersant in thy sight for euer, and directed alwayes with the bright light of thy fauourable and louing countenaunce, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

SO long as we liue here (O most mightie God) all things are so vnquiet and at so small stay vnto vs through the desert of our grieuous offences, that we be on euery side, assayled with the deadly assaults of the force of oure aduersaries: but vnlesse thou

thou puttest to thy helping hande, we shall seeme to be swalowed vppe out of hande. Wherefore, (to the intent we may be defended so oft as our fraile mindes be possest with a vehement feare) we poure out our feruent prayers before thy mercie seate, which glistereth and shineth most farre abroade, that regarding and highlye esteeming thy sacred wordes and louing promises in such sort, as (being strengthned by them) we may with a stout courage ouercome whatsoeuer sorrowfull, horrible, vnpleasaunt, and rough thing setteth it selfe agaynst vs. As our teares (O excellent father) are gathered and written by thee, euen so when thou art called vpon, deliuer thy faythfull seruauntes from the Cyues and Fetters of their carefull myndes: and thou of thy infinite goodnesse, purging our giltinesse, bestow vpō vs so much strength and stedfast hope, as we nede nothing at all to feare the violence and power of malicious disposed persons: for if thou shalt be our redemer (especially from eternal death) we will alwayes in oure dayly prayers shew forth the worthie prayses of thy most glorious name, through Jesus Christ our

Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE doe daylye indeuour our selues (O moste mightie God) lamentably to call vpon thy mercie, when as they go about to subuert thy sacred Churche, who (being not a fewe in number, and waren strong aboue measure) do not ceasse by sundrie meanes to assault the same. Neyther is there any thing that maketh vs more afrayed, then these our owne proper sinnes wherewith we haue moste grœuously offended thée, and made our selues vtterlye vnworthy of thy gracious fauour: yet notwithstanding (of the great and vnspeakeable louing kindnesse that is in thœ) wée ceasse not to hope, but set thy louing promises before our eyes, the sayinges and wordes wherof, we commend and approue, and also (so much as in vs lyeth) take holde of them by fayth. Graunt therefore (O excellent father) that we be not more fearefull then is decent, which the fleshe is able to worke agaynst vs. We know assuredly ỳ the wicked do now euery where maliciously

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ly rayle vpon vs, bending all their deuices agaynſt thy moſt ſacred doctrine, lying in wayte, and ſéking occaſion by all meanes poſſible quite to ſubuert and vtterly ouerthrowe thy ſacred Churche. Diſpiſe not thou (O god God) the prayers and ſighes of thy faythfull ſeruaunttes, ſo ſtrengthen and confirme our weake conſciences, that we paſſe nothing at all what men doe agaynſt vs. Deliuer our ſoules from ſliding and deſtruction, ſo that we may both nowe and alſo after this life be partakers of thy moſt commodious and ſplendent bleſſed light, throughe Jeſus Chriſt oure Lorde. Amen.

¶A prayer out of the .Lvij. Pſalme.

A prayer for the aduaūcement of the Goſpell contrary to hir enimies expectation.

SEing that there is no refuge for vs (O moſte gracious and moſte mightie God) but to flie vnto thée onely, we commit our whole ſaluation into thy tuition and gouernment, to the intent thou ſhouldeſt miraculouſly preſerue the ſame, ſo that thou mayeſt bée our ſtrong defence vntill this their outragious furie (who violently oppreſſe thy ſa-

cred Church) be much abated and greatly brought lowe. Therefore we incessauntly call vpon thy euerlasting name, through whose mightie power and high auctority all thinges maye for the Godly be surely brought to passe. Graunt (we humbly beseech thee) that our heynous sinnes be not the cause thou withdrawest thy mercifull goodnesse from vs, which, as we confesse them to be most grieuous and infinite, so are we nothing doubtfull but that they shall be forgiuen vs, for our onely mediator Jesus Christes sake, through whose louing fauour thy faythfull seruaunts shal not only be preserued in the glorious kingdome of heauen: but for thy excellent promise and goodnesse sake, they shall also at length be brought to confusion, whosoeuer they are which go aboute to oppresse thy constant and stedfast beleuers. Thou thy selfe right well sayst (O excellent father) howe his blessed Church is compelled to haue hir dwelling continually amongest Lyons, in the middest of whote burning flames, inuironed with moste forceable weapons, and tongues chiefly that be very noysome and do exceeding great hurt. To

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the intent therefore thou mayst shew forth and mightily declare thy invincible power touching his preseruation, graunt that the snares and great layings awayte which be prepared for thy holy ones, may in conclusion be onely hurtfull to the Authors and chiefe deuisers thereof: but vouchsafe to giue vnto vs a right stedfast heart and exceeding constant minde touching the confession and publishing of thy blessed name. For wee heartily acknowledge and earnestly confesse thy vnspeakable goodnesse to be so great, as it deserueth high prayse, not onely in voyce, but with Lute and Harpe, and by all wayes and meanes of commendation that possible may be, which pearceth the clowdes euen vnto the glorious heauen. And for bicause it may daply increase the better, and be more vnderstood, lift vp thy selfe in this our age, by shewing forth thy right excellent power in being oure shielde of defence and buckler, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

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There is nothing that doth more releeue and comfort our feeble mindes being in great distresse and extreeme calamities (O most good and mercifull God) then the Anere of fayth, which dependeth most stedfastly vpon thy excellent goodnesse. Wherfore, seing that not without iust cause we burne and frie in our leude vices, we resort vnto thy diuine Maiestie, and (being marueylous sore burthened with the greeuous fardell of our most heynous sinnes) do dayly call vpon thee for thy assistant and readye helpe. Send vs ayde from heauen we humbly beseech thee, otherwise we shall not be in safetie from the Lions, Speares, Darts, and deceiptfull tongues, wherewith Sathan doth mercyfully afflict thy holye Church. Aduaunce thy selfe, and make thy infinite power most manifest in taking vs out of our enimies handes. For so thy vnspeakable clemencie and notable faythfulnesse (which farre surmount the Clowdes and glorious heauens) shall appeere bright in their owne excellent greatnesse, and we in giuing due thankes for our deliuerance, will ioyfullye sing double prayses to thy glorious name for euermore, through Iesus

ſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

SEing that thy bleſſed Church (O moſte mightie God) is ſo vexed with the cruell enimies of thy glorious name and bleſſed doctrine, we repoſe our whole confidence in thee onely, and flie for ſuccor vnder the ſhadowe of thy wings: we acknowledge and confeſſe that it is our partes to direct oure ſupplications perpetually vnto thee, when thou only and none elſe art able to redreſſe our good cauſe. We doe not denie but that our deſerts are marueylous wicked, inſomuch as we ſhould verye iuſtly be altogither deſtroyed with theſe preſent calamyties: who haue nothing faythfully performed that which in name and outwarde ſhewe hath bene of vs profeſſed. But it is thy nature, O good God, (forſomuche as thou art mercy and very goodneſſe it ſelfe) not to caſt off thoſe which flie vnto thee for ſuccour. Sende downe thy ayding hande from heauē (we humble beſech thee) wherby thou mayſt deliuer thy faythfull people from the reproches of vngodly and wicked perſons.

persons. The Antichristians rore against thy blessed Church like Lyons, and theyr hote burning furie agaynst thy holy worde increaseth dayly more and more. Shewe forth thy selfe therefore (O excellent father) and cause thy glorie wherewith thou art renowmed aboue all other, to be manifestly knowen. Rende the nettes, fill vppe the ditches, and make the deceiptes of none effect, which they practise agaynst the sacred Gospell, whereby our minde may daylye more and more be strengthned heartily to confesse, couragiously to extoll, and aboue all thinges to exalt thy wonderfull prayses vncessauntlye, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .Lviij. Psalme.

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The princes of this wretched world (O moste mightie God) doe grée-uously assault thy blessed Church, bicause sounde and vpright iudgement is not giuen vppon diuine and heauenly things, by such as continually imagine mischiefe in their mindes, and onelye practise violence against thy elect and chosen

ſen ſeruaunts. But howe ſhould they doe otherwiſe, that euen from their mothers wombe are borne wicked into this worlde, and haue a moſt noyſome venime (like vnto poyſon of Serpents) naturally graffed in them, which could neuer by any exhortations or friendly warnings at gods hand be taken out of them: for they put thoſe thinges after none other ſort from them, then doe the deafe Adders that ſhunne the charmes of the Charmers. Our heynous ſinnes therefore haue verye well deſerued that the outragious enimies of thy fayth & doctrine ſhould afflict vs, which nowe we both hartily confeſſe, and alſo (for thy infinite mercies ſake) earneſtly require thée to pardon and forgiue. Furthermore we feruently deſire this at thy merciſull handes, that thou wouldeſt breake in péeces and gnaſhe the Lions téeth, to the intent they may ſhed away as water, and be like broken ſhaftes, neyther let thoſe men hurt thy faythfull ſeruauntes any more, but cauſe them to wither awaye as a Snaile in hir ſhell, and be weake as the vntimely fruite of a woman. And finally, let their outrage fade away euen ſo eaſily as a flame made

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of thoꝛnes is quenched. But chéere thou vp (O gwd God) thy faithfull seruaunts, who (seéing the great reuengementes which thou thy selfe takest vppon the swoꝛne aduersaries of thy blessed religion) may right well percepue that thou hast a reward laid vp in stoꝛe foꝛ thy faythfull beléeuers, and let their well doing be established, when as they shall assuredly know and perfectly vnderstand that thou executest streight iudgement vpon the earth, through Jesus christ our Loꝛde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

Antichꝛist with all his adherentes doe imagin none other thing in their mind agaynst thy sacred Church (O most gwd and merciful God) then mischiefe and most wicked deuices: but whereas they make a gwdly shewe to the intent they wouldbe accompted godly and religious, yet in very déede they imagine nothing but lyes, going astray from thée, euen from their birth, hauing alwayes hitherto marueylous great delight in erronious thinges. Nowe at length are they desirous to spewe out and cast

cast forth their venome which they (like the Adder) haue kept in a readinesse, neyther could they so be charmed with the sayings of the holy Scriptures, as to cease from their owne lewde desires. Surely (O heauenly father) we are not they that deserue not to be destroyed by them for oure euill dædes and lewde behauiour, for somuch as (through thy excellent mercy) we haue wel knowen the waye of truth and life, albeit we haue cõtinually started aside therefro, & giuen our selues to vaine ymaginations & wicked desires. But deale thou with vs according to the glorie & honor of thy name, and vouchsafe to yælde vnto vs not that which we haue deserued, but that which by thy promises behight vs. Ouerthrowe, grinde to powder, and vtterly make voyde the subtile deuices, outragious force, and deuilishe power of the enimies of thy glorious name and sincere doctrine, so that the godly may perfectly reioyce when as they sée thée take their cause in hande, and shall perceyue that their is some fruite of righteousnesse, while thou dealest by vpright iudgement, through Iesus Christ our lord. Amen.

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An other prayer out of the same psalme.

THe behauiours of the wicked (O most mighty God) are so corrupt and naughtie, that verye little wholsomnesse or none at all can seeme to be in their decrées: they practise deceyts, they offer wrong, and now from their childhood haue both fallen from thée, & also liue in subiection to their owne cãkred maliciousnes: in fiercenes, in hardnesse of heart, in furious mode, in outrage of minde & in vnbrideled crueltie, they may be likned vnto stinging Serpents, roring Lyons, & such kinde of rauenous beastes: therefore (we earnestly require thée) not to suffer vs for to fall as our heynous sinnes haue iustly deserued, into such an extréme madnesse, that (forsaking thee who art the Well & Fountaine of all good things) we may put our trust & cõfidence in them, neither permitting vs to followe their leawde decrées & fond fantasies, which were so perillous a thing as the other. Cause vs (we humbly require thée) to dissent wholy from them, & in the meane time let their power in doing any hurt be vtterly abated, so that

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as men altogither vnarmed, although their desire to do mischiefe be not aswaged, yet both habilitie and knowledge to fulfill their wicked desire and extræme egernesse be quite taken from them. Confound thou in the turning of a hande their lewde deuises, & cause the Congregation of the faithfull greatly to triumph, when as they may right well perceyue that thou both rendrest the fruit of righteousnesse to the righteous, and also takest punishement of the vngodly, according to their wretched and lewde desertes, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lix. Psalme.

A prayer against the Pharisies and false prophets.

OUr earnest request is (O mosse mightie God) that thou oneiye wouldest be our spædie deliuerer, when as the extræme enimies of thy sacred doctrine and pure religion doe græuously oppresse vs: nowe it appertayneth vnto thee for to defend vs frō naughty persons, who gape much for our destruction, and haue augmented theyr force and power with great and huge conspiracies.

to wipe out thy holye ones from off the earth. They do persecute vs nothing at all for our heynous faultes and mischieuous dedes, whereof we acknowledge and confesse that we haue committed many, but they runne vpon vs for hatred they onelye beare to sincere godlinesse and perfect religion, to the intent they would both craftily & with extreme violence furnishe themselues to our destruction. But thou (O good God) who hast dominion ouer all creatures, first pardon whatsoeuer we haue wickedlye committed against thee: then stirre vp thy selfe, and at length discusse the cause of the godly. Our most cruel enimies go to and fro, they grenne like Doggs and runne aboute in all Countries, for, when they speake anye thing of oure matters, swordes and weapons onely are in their lippes, but thou (O good God) shalt laugh these men to scorne and haue them in great derision: we attend and looke for helpe altogither at thy mercifull handes, who art our mightie Tower and moste strong defence. Let thy sacred Church be such a partaker of thy wonderfull and vnspeakeable goodnesse, as she may see hir desire vpon the

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enimies of all righteousnesse. Slay not these men after an accustomable maner, but destroy them vtterlye in such a sort as thy blessed people may not lightly forgette the same: cause them to become runagates & beggers for euer, by reason of their abhominable vices, blasphemous lyes, and cursed periuries, wherewith they are bewrapped and abound greatly: consume thou such manor of men at length, bring them to naught I say, as they may become a laughing stocke and by word vnto euery man, to the intent all people may assuredly know and right well perceyue that thou shewest thy selfe a very God vnto thy blessed Church, wherein thou oughtest to be highly magnified as a firme defence, and most strong ayde for all such as will vnfeignedly inuocate and call vpon thy glorious name, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE being hedged in (O most mightie God) through humaine infirmitie, and bound in conscience with the chaynes

of moſt heauie ſinnes, do continually with right great lamentation, call vpon thy vnſpeakable mercie, wherewith thou mayeſt willingly and gently bowe downe thy fauourable eare to our humble petitions: the force of our outragious enimies doth wonderfully aſſault, marueylouſly inuade, and greatly oppreſſe vs, but ſeing ỹ the ſtrẽgth of our nature vtterly falleth in this behalf, and sheweth it ſelfe altogither vnnaylable, ariſe thou (O God) and ouerthrowe by thy mightie puyſſaunce, whatſoeuer ſhall bee repugnant to our ſaluation, and finally deride and mock ſuch a one as hath a greater pleaſure to reſiſt thy bleſſed will, then to ſubmit himſelfe thereunto as méete it is he ſhould ſo doe. We haue repoſed the whole ſtrength of our welfare in thee onely, hauing no miſtruſt but that thou art oure chiefe goodneſſe and moſt mercifull God: although therefore the fierce enimies of thy glorious name compaſſe vs about, and after a ſort beſiege vs with the darke and obſcure blindneſſe which they ſhead, we (truſting in thy excellent goodneſſe) hope that the malicious wickedneſſe they haue imagined, ſhall not fall on vs, but light vpon

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their owne neckes: wherfore let thy inestimable goodnesse (according to our assured hope) be in stéd of a strong fortresse, puyssaunt refuge, and mightie Bulwarke vnto vs, who are wonderfull desirous to celebrate and set forth thy exceding great honor and vnspeakable mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lx. Psalme.

A prayer for Gods helpe in necessitie.

THou hast vsed oftentimes (O most good and mercifull God) to chastice thy déere children with a fatherly correction, so that they béeing at length brought low through vnfortunate mishappes, and broken with miseryes, may right well perceyue and vnderstand that they haue sinned greatly, who aspiring with all their indeuour to come vnto thée, may much couet to be deliuered from these abhominable vices wherewith they were before exceedingly ouerwhelmed: there doest thou yelde thy selfe againe, being altogither appeased and at attonement with them. Wherefore we humbly require thée (O heauenly father) that thou wouldst

in like maner kæpe ſtill with vs this thy auncient couenaunt, and vouchſafe to take thy poꝛe humble ſuters which fly vnto thæ foꝛ ſuccour, from their grœuous ſoꝛowes and lamentable miſeries that our heinous ſinnes doe daply purchaſe vnto vs: which we miſtruſt not but will come to paſſe, foꝛ ſomuch as we be nothing doubtfull but ſuch things as thou haſt pꝛomiſed ſhall not fade out of our remembꝛaunce. Foꝛ thys cauſe chiefly is our minde much reuiued, hereby we be well chæred, and finally by this wée are certainly perſwaded that wée (which ſéemed in tymes paſt, and that lately to be reiected of thée) are nowe in verye dœde and that wholy receyued into thy louing fauour. Pꝛocéede and go foꝛwarde therefoꝛe to ſuccour vs, ſo that we béyng furthered by thy mighty defence, may boldly and manfully go thoꝛow with the matter, to the gloꝛie of thy bleſſed name, by Jeſus Chꝛiſt our Loꝛd. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

Thou ſéemeſt verye often (O moſt good and merciful God) to put back thy faithfull

full seruauntes from thee, and being in a maner sore angrie with these men, doest scatter them abroade into diuers partes of the worlde: but thou comforting thy blessed people againe with thy exceding great clemencie, bowest downe thy fauour and louing kindnesse afreshe towardes them: by meanes whereof our hope is renued in vs, that (seing it hath seemed good vnto thee to moue the lande in this our age, and to dismay the inhabiters thereof with a newe and extraordinarie feare) thou wilt also heale hir greeuous wounds. And although it be thy good will now and then to vex thy faythfull people with hard and most bitter mishappes, in like wise as if thou shouldest giue them a poysoned cup to drinke of: yet notwithstanding, thou raysest vp the banner of saluation vnlooked for, vnto such as daply feare and perfectly honor thee, to the intent that thy louing promises being assuredly performed, they may lead their life verye prosperously vnder the same: nowe therefore turne thou away thy eyes from the sinnes we haue most greuously committed: for we denie not but that we haue done very wickedly and peruersely, but for

ſomuch as (of thy infinite mercy ſake) thou wilt pardon and quite forgiue ſuch as vnfeyncedly call vpon thee, finally ayde thou thy beloued Church according to thy accuſtomed vſe, and mightily preſerue hir with thy puyſſant right hande. But go thou O good God (which ſeemeſt to haue forſaken thy bleſſed people for a time) nowe forth with vs, and rayſe vp thy ſelfe to be our readie helper, for we craue not thy fauourable ayde without iuſt cauſe, who haue learned euen by experience it ſelfe, that mans power and ſtrength is but a vaine thing to ſtay by. Be thou therefore a preſent ſuccour vnto thoſe which repoſe their whole truſt and confidence in thee: graunt that they may deale manfully & doe mightie actes, ſo that they may by thy meanes get the victorie ouer their moſt cruell and outragious enimies, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxj. Pſalme.

A prayer for conſtant faith in Chriſt Jeſus.

OUr earneſt and feruent deſire is, O moſt good and mercifull God, that as thou art in deede a ſinguler

ler good father and wonderfull mercifull vnto vs, so thou wouldst heare the lamentable cries which we poure out before thée, by reason of the exceeding heauinesse wee are oppressed withall, and for the grieuous temptations we indure, suffer not thy beloued seruaunts, miserably to perishe, in whome the deuill goeth about to quenche and burie thy benigne grace and especiall good giftes. Permit vs therefore to haue a fort and strong Tower with thée, whereunto bicause we are not able to clime vp of our owne power, breath thou thy louing fauour downe vpon vs in such wise, as we may bee lifted vp vnto the Tabernacle of thy glorious sight, and vnder the couering of thy glistering winges, so that by thys meanes we shall bee deliuered from the thresholde and lawes of death. We truely haue transgressed thy holy lawe, & through our moste heynous sinnes haue defiled the sacred bodie of thy blessed Church. Now be it whilest wee acknowledge this, and lamentably require thy fauourable mercie, surely we feele verye great ease & comfort, neyther are we now afraied of any bytter mishaps, forsomuch as our whole confidence

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dependeth vpon thy inestimable goodnesse, but rather our heart is inflamed with an ardent loue both in celebrating thy glorious name, and also in rendring moste abundant thankes for those thinges, which by our profession we owe and thinke to be due vnto thée, throughe Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxij. Psalme.

¶ prayer for true fayth and contempt of mutable thinges.

SEing that we are perswaded (O moste good and mercifull God) that thou art our strong defence, inuincible tower, sure ayde, & mightie safegarde, we kéepe a quiet and verye peaceable minde euen in the middest of our extréme miseries and gréuous calamities. For we doubt not but that the deuill and his wicked members shal haue no successe at all in those thinges they enterprise to do agaynst our welfare: and whosoeuer they be which thrust forwarde themselues contrary to thy blessed will, are in no wise able to stand and abide, but are at the ende disappoynted of that they looke for. Wherefore we humblye require thée, that our ofsences

fences being done away, which (by reason of our infirmitie) we denie not, but are an infinite number, thou wouldest still perseuer to be our Buckler and sure defence as thou hast hitherto beene accustomed. For-somuch as through thy especiall helpe, wee shake of all worldly mens feare, as whom we know to be altogither vaine, yea and so fœlishe, that if they were weyed in a ballance, they should be found altogither lighter then vanitie it selfe. And as we dreade them nothing at al, so likewise our earnest request is, that we may haue no affiaunce in euill gotten goodes and flourishing ryches, but alwayes well and diligently to set before our eyes, that thou art iust, mercifull, & of a wonderfull inuincible power, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxiij. Psalme.

A prayer in distresse for the comforte of the gospel

WEe doe in this wretched life (O most good and mighty God) with great feruencie, sighe, desire, and earnestly thirst for thee onelye, when as all thinges are become troublesome, horrible, and cruell vnto vs. We are greatly

greatly desirous cléerely to beholde thy sin-
guler vertue & excellent honor, for nothing
can happé more blessed, nothing more ioy-
full, & nothing more pleasãt to mortal crea-
tures, then the perfect knowledge thereof.
We may through thy readie helpe (O hea-
uenly father) exalt thy glorious name conti-
nually, when as we render due thanks for
the excellent benefites thou hast bestowed
vpon vs, alwayes requiring of thée in our
earnest petitions and most ardent prayers,
those things which may be both to thy glo-
rie and our owne saluation. These verily
are the mære delites of the godly, there is
the minde fed with perfect and true glad-
nesse, when as euen at midnight in the bed
it is not forgetfull of thy goodnesse and cle-
mencie. But our heynous offences are a
very great hinderance to this singuler be-
nifite, whereinto both our infirmitie and
ignorãunce driueth vs, which, we humbly
beséech thée (for thy infinite mercies sake)
to wipe away: be our ready helper as thou
hast begunne, hide vs vnder thy fauoura-
ble winges, and cause our mindes to be
linked alwayes vnto thee. But as for such
as resist thy glorye obstinately and with

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stubburnesse, let them runne hedlong into the dæpe gulfe of perdicion, and make vs euermoze reioyce and be glad in thy comfort and consolation, through Jesus Christ our Lozde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxiiij. Psalme.

A prayer against the wicked enimies of the Godly.

IF we were not altogither vnwise minded and vtterly dulled (O heauenly father) we are dayly stirred vp to inuocate and call vpon thée with our feruent prayer. For why, Sathan and his wicked retinue make great hasse both day and night to destroy vs, and the filthinesse of the flesh striueth continually to driue vs hedlong into the disobedience of thy blessed commaundements. Séeyng that therefore our minde is on sides assayled, and the strength we haue become feeble and diminished, through a false tongue, deceiptfull wozdes, most pearcing stinges, and deadly darts, we flie vnto thée onely, being the true hauen of safegarde, and require, that sith thou perceiuest vs to be seze and paynefully troubled sundzie wayes for the sinnes and grieuous offences we haue committed) thou wouldest for thy tender

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mercies sake pardon and forgiue what spotte or giltinesse soeuer we are infected with, ruling and gouerning vs in suche sort, as wée maye laye all the burthens wher with we are grieuously oppressed, on thée onely. So shall we haue iust cause to be exceéding ioyous, neyther shall it repent vs any thing at all, but contrariwise wée will greatly glorie for that we haue betaken our selues wholy to thy protection and gouernment, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .Lxv. Psalme.

A prayer for remenance and all kinde of Gods benefites.

SO great and manifold are thy benefites (O most good ¶ mercifull God) towards mãkind, as al people in euery place ought greatly to laud, wonderfully to praise, ¶ highly to extol thy blessed name: for what thing can be more pleasant to men, then ỹ thou doest easily heare them at what tyme they call vpon thée for such things as they stande in néede of. In what other good thing ought we more to reioyce of then this, for that thou yeldest thy selfe appeased and fauourable

rable to our iniquities. Or why be we not right happie and blessed whome thou didst vouchsafe to annix vnto thy selfe in thy sacred cõgregatiõ, in fæding our hungry stomacks with spirituall god things, & heauenly daintes: Thou dealest fauorably euen with all other creatures for thy elects sake: thou stablishest the Mõtaines, stillest the raging of the sea, appeasest ỹ madnesse of the people, and doest refresh and lighten with great ioy the vttermost partes of the earth, through the brightnesse of the heauenly fiers. Thou sendest seasonable and timely showers, whereby onely commeth fertilitie, and the fieldes wonderfull garnished with all kinde of fruits, whereby both men and beastes haue abundantly whereon to fæde. Graunt thou therefore thus much also vnto vs (who art the auctour of so many god things) that we may render moste condigne thankes, and vse to oure health and comforte those thinges which thou so louingly bestowest vpõ vs, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxvj. Psalme.

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A prayer in necessitie to the glorie of God, for setting vs at libertie.

SUch is thy mightye power and inuincible force (O moste good and mercifull God) that thou at length vsest to subdue vnder thy obeysaunce the enimies of thy name and glory, euen by thy puyssaunt strength, how muche so euer they striue agaynst thee in their furious madnesse: which thing the godly duly waying with themselues, haue a very great and feruent desire to honour thy diuine Maiestie, to exalt thee with prayses, and faythfully to worship thy excellencie. For as thou in tymes past causedst the sea to open hir selfe vnto the children of Israell, and didst turne aside the riuer of Iordane agaynst his streame, and hast expulsed ỳ Iewes enimies from their auncient inheritaunce, who seemed otherwise not to be subduable: so we now earnestly require thee that thou wouldest doe the like for thy derely beloued: let them flourishe in heauenly giftes, so that they faint not through exercise of temptations, but being well tryed, fined, and thoroughly pourged with vnfortunate mishaps, they maye shine in the brightnesse of vertues, who hauing comfortable things prepared for

for them of thee, being their father & treator after their grieuous afflictions & much troublesomnesse of minde, let them in the ende render vnto thee, the vowes of praise, and songes of commendation. Moue vs forwarde I humblie beseech thee, to feare and honor him, by hauing his benefites very diligently in our remembraunce, which (of his infinite goodnesse) he hath bestowed vpō vs, who being prouoked by our thanklesnesse, may hereafter giue a more louing and fauourable attentiue eare to our lowly prayers, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxvij. Psalme.

A prayer for the augmentation of the Gospell.

LYe two thinges (O most mightie God) which mortall creatures doe very greatly wishe for, are these, namely ỹ they may be acceptable to thy diuine Maiestie, & replenished with the light and brightnesse of thy louing cōtenaunce, which two we right well know do faile vs by reason of the sinnes we haue very grieuously committed: therefore our earnest request is that thou wouldst heale

our deadly woundes with the playster of thy vnspeakeable mercie, and whatsoeuer we haue offended thée in, let thy louing fauor wholy remit, and cause thy most gladsome light to driue away the darknesse that we haue procured vnto our selues: which sute, if we may obteyne, yet shall we readily acknowledge (although we be inuironed with the darknesse of this mortall life) the deuises, ordinaunces, & meanes, wherby thou doest greatly gouerne, prouidently maintaine, puyssauntly defende, and mightily preserue all things with incomparable goodnesse and faythfulnesse, and prouidest wonderfully for thy blessed people: which things being well séene and rightly considered, we and all people shall shewe forth thy worthie prayses, and be also thorowly replenished with pleasaunt ioy, forsomuch as thou rulest all Nations, Prouinces, and Kingdomes, with rightful iudgement and most indifferent iustice. For if al people did manifestly know the same in such sort as it is, euery man would praise thee in the open face of the worlde. Graunt vnto vs therefore (O excellent father) these two things, neyther disdeyne to adde vnto them a plen-

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fedus fruitfulnesse of the earth: for the more bountifully thou dealest with thy dearely beloued children, ye more shalt thou be feared & amplier honored, through the whole vniuersal world, by Jesus christ our lord. Amē.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxviij. Psalme.

A prayer for the vnity and inlargement of the Christian Congregation.

WE haue both our health and also all other commodities of this life at thy mercifull handes (O most good and mightie God) being the fountaine and originall of all good things, who doest both adorne and continually bestowe so great benefites vpon thy faithfull seruants, that impossible it is to compt the nūber of them. But this chiefly ought not to be passed ouer with silence, that thou thy selfe hast so happily & with so good successe fought our battailes against sinne, death, the deuill, and all euilles, insomuch as the deadly enimies of our saluation felt thee to be our present helpe, when as thou diddest puyssauntly ouercome, mightily subdue, and greeuously punishe them. Wherefore it is our right bounden duty to render perpetuall thankes wyth Psalmes, louing prayses, godly songes, and all kinde of dit-

ties and Musicke, which thing that it may not be done maliciously, and grudgingly, but with a minde voyd and free from fleshly cares and carnal desires, we humbly beseeche thee to pardon whatsoeuer we haue transgressed, either through the darkenesse of ignorance or weakenesse of minde, and procede also euer hereafter to defende vs from the craftie snares and subtill layings awaye of the force of our enimies (as thou hast heretofore stedfastlye from tyme to tyme assisted such as trust in thee) whereby all men shall assuredly perceyue that thou so fauourest the faythfull beleuers, as thou giuest vnto them aboundaunce of strength and power inuincible, through Iesus christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

SEing that thy power is such, O moste good and mercifull God, as no enimies (although they be neuer so strong & mightie) are able to stand agaynst thee, our earnest requeste is that thou wouldest (for thy infinite mercies sake) most puyssauntly arise to helpe vs. The children of Israell

felt thy presence to be a continual safegard vnto them, at what time they encountred to fight with their enimies, although the kinges and armies throughlye furnished were rayſed vp agaynſt them: forſomuch as therefore thou haſt lifted vp thy inuincible power and puiſſant ſtrength on high, diſdaine not (wee humbly beſeeche thee) to turne thy louing countenaunce towardes vs, who do continually wreſtle with Sathan, the fleſhe, and luſtes thereof: ſurely we acknowledge that thou art our ſole and onely defence, who flye therefore vnto thee, bicauſe thou art the fountaine and rote of all good things, requiring, that wee (being mightily deliuered from the miſchieuous euilles which inuiron vs on euery ſide) may ſet forth the worthy prayſes of thy moſt glorious name, euen as it hath right well deſerued, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

THy force and puyſſaunce (O moſt good and mighty god) is of ſo great a ſtrēgth, that when thou moueſt and ſtirreſt vp thy

selfe, they are immediately scattered from their place, and put to flight whosoeuer they be ẏ beare hatred to thy blessed name and glorious kingdome: wherefore, neyther do we doubt but that at this tyme the power of Sathan and his adherents (who ceasse not euery where to ouerthrowe thy faythfull people) shall be dispatched and come to naught, euen lyke vnto smoke that vanisheth, and mistes which passe away. And for this cause, there is layde vp a great pleasure and exceeding comfort vnto the faythfull, whereof, we heartily require thee that we also may be partakers, and that thou wouldst ease vs of the fardell of sinne wherwith we are most greeuously burthened, & that taking vs vnto thy gracious fauour againe, thou wilt indue vs very largely with thy holy spirite. Seing that thou arte the father of the fatherlesse, and a reuenger of such as be miserably oppressed, vouchsafe also to deliuer vs from the fetters of our iniquities, neyther be thou any thing lesse our strong defence, then thou wert the children of Israelles mightie protector in the wildernesse. Wee bee as thou well perceyuest (by reason of our

our heynous sinnes) greatly disfigured: let therefore thy bright fauour and light of thy fauourable countenaunce be present with vs, wherby our mindes may be made splendent & reformed vnto the souereigne blesse and highest felicitie, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

SUch is thy excellent wisdome (O moste good and mercifull God) that as thou hast an innumerable maner of wayes and infinite meanes to preserue thy faythfull seruaunts, so hast thou also as manye to bring the wicked to perdition. Wherefore in restoring thy blessed people being sore oppressed both of sinne and Sathan, & in getting great & famous victories of thy cruell enimies, out of all doubt, thou deseruest that so many as naturalye apperteyne to the stocke and linage of Israell, should set out thy worthie prayses and moste noble triumphes with a wonderfull great gladnesse. Wherefore we humbly require thée (by thy notable and exceding great power) that what giftes of saluation thou hast be-

gunne to bestowe vpon vs, thou wouldest from day to day augmẽt and increase with a prosperous successe, whereby we may offer vnto thee (who art borne vp beyond the heauens with noble triumph) not the sacrifices of brute beastes, but our selues as an acceptable and blameleſſe frée will offering, to the intent it may be left for a sufficient witnesse both vnto vs & to all others, that it onely appertayneth vnto thy singuler force and incomparable power to bring thy elect children vnto the moste desired felicitie, and chiefest place of bleſſe they looke for, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .Lxix. Psalme.

A prayer in tribulation or the glory of the resurrection.

MAns weake and fraile nature (O moſt mighty God) is continually toſt and turmoyled with infinite calamities. Neyther should that séeme a matter so greatly to be lamented, if in this vniuersall case, such as faythfully honor and worship thee, were not séene to be more grieuously afflicted and punished then the rest: but the worlde goeth so that the stormie waues, the clammie mire, the

deepe and whirling gulphes of temptations doe little better then choke vppe those which haue a stedfast beliefe and assured trust in thee. Which matters being done to the intent they may patiently and with a quiet mind suffer whatsoeuer is commodious for them, doth certainlye not muche further the saluation of such as be weake, who see these things come to passe, vnlesse thou (for thy infinit goodnesse and vnspeakable mercies sake wherwith thou art plentifully indued) puttest to quickly thy spedy furtheraunce: for so shall the thing which seemeth to haue weakened and dismayed their heartes, wonderfullye cheare and refreshe them: for if thou shalt giue eare vnto our loiuly prayers (as our assured trust is) and deliuer vs out of so great perils according to our humble petitions, these greeuous afflictions truly shal bring forth fruit not to be repented of. Graunt we hartily beseech thee (O excellent father) that suche as be in a maner consumed and at deathes dore for the zeale they beare to thy glorie, may according to their feruent prayers, obtaine this of thee, both the inlarging of thy most famous kingdome, and also their welfare

fare which assault the same, and be sworne aduersaries thereto, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

SUch was thy exceading great goodnesse and clemencie towardes mankinde (O most good and mercifull God) that to saue them thou diddest suffer thy sonne Iesus Christ our Lorde to be touched with moste greuous reproches and heynous sclaunders, insomuch that euen at the houre of his death he being greatlye a thirst, they gaue him none other drink, but most sharp and sowre vinegar mingled with gall. If we be any thing forgetfull of these things, eyther we shewe that we are vtterly destitute of fayth, or make our selues giltie of most hatefull vngratitute. We haue before our eyes the moste greuous vengeaunce which in the ende thou takest of those wicked and vngodly persons, who raged so greatly agaynst thy most derely beloued sonne, and yet are not moued by their example to amende our naughtie factes and wicked life; then the which, lorde howe much

much he is nowe more glorious and excellent then he was at that tyme, so much the more wrong and reproch is done vnto him on our behalfe. We therefore humbly require and earnestly intreate the that thou wouldest vouchesafe to inspire into vs a more perfect minde & a better desire which professe his glorious name and most pure religion, by the selfe same Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxx. Psalme.

FOr this intent and purpose (O most good and mercifull God) haue we recourse in our feruent prayers to thy gracious tuicion and fauourable mercie, for that we see nothing in this life, eyther voyde of perils, or in safety from the outragious enimies of our saluation, through whose spitefull malice, deuilishe falshode, and tyrannous crueltie, we finde all thinges very froward, and full of most greeuous enmitie: but bicause we see our selues giltie of no smal or light crimes, and are nothing ignorant how thou of thy iustice takest punishment of our greeuous sinnes, A prayer in necessitie.

sinnes, we humbly beséech thée (according to thy wonted and accustomed mercie) to forgiue vs whatsoeuer we haue filthily cõmitted, and what vengeaunce or punishment is worthilye and of desert due vnto vs, may eyther be vtterly released, or else mercifully mittigated. So shall so many as be sworne aduersaries to thy true religion which we professe, be abashed and put to vtter shame when thou shalt haue helped and assisted vs: but contrariwise they which be greatly desirous to set forth thy glorious name, shall be right glad and triumphantly reioyce with vs. Therefore make no long tarying to be our readie helper, least the vngodly (which thing they are very readie to do) vpbrayde vs therewith, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxj. Psalme.

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FOrsomuch as we doe euidentlye knowe (O almightie God) that there is alwayes spéedie succour in a readinesse to helpe and further such as flie vnto thy protection, therefore haue we reposed our whole trust and

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confidence in thée onely, that of whom we ought to craue assistaunce, vnto him must our fayth and hope be most aduisedly directed. Thou aydest, cherishest, and garnishest those which honour thée from their youth, insomuch as that if thou sémest at any tyme to leaue them, it is wont to bée taken for a wonder. We hope therefore, that (séeing thou hast béene alwayes with vs from our conception & birth) thou wilt not forsake vs, neyther in our crooked olde age nor at the last ende of our life: in consideration whereof, that what prayses and thankes we are bounde to giue vnto thée, the same do we dayly yelde, and (as our assured trust is) shall yelde for euer, that as thy benefites towardes vs are infinite, and the more thy goodnesse also and mightie déedes are set forth, so much the more are they knowen to surmount the prowes of all prayse and commendation. Notwithstanding, vnto the rest of thy benefits, adde this also (we hartily beséech thée) that as thou layest now and then bitter and vnfortunate things vpon thy faythfull seruants, so thou thy selfe wouldst vouchsafe readily to comfort and quickly ease them of the

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same, through Jesus Christ our lord. Amē.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxij. Psalme.

A praier that the kingdom of heauē may come vpon vs through the preaching of the gospell.

INsomuch as we shall haue Jesus Christ our Lorde as a moste iust iudge, it is mete that wee should alwayes both feare and reuerence him. For seing that his father hath as nowe also indued him with a singuler power, this was his chiefest care, that the righteous might be strengthned to the intent they should both set vp, and also inlarge the true worshipping of him so farre as might be. Our humble requeſt is therefore (O heauenly father) that (before we be brought vnto his tribunal iudgement seat) we may be redēmed from the heynous sinnes which we are giltie of, who being thus regenerated by his blessed spirit, may bring forth plentie of good workes, so that we be not dampned for oure wicked misdēedes, which thing if we by strong and constant fayth may perceyue our selues to haue obteyned, we shall verily (by reason thereof) iudge our selues blessed and marueylous happie for the same, who minde to extoll

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and celebrate thy excellent name and glorie with moste high prayses, whereby the whole earth (if it were possible) may haue true and perfite knowledge of thée, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxiij. Psalme.

A prayer that we may not repine at the prosperitie of the wicked.

ALthough thy goodnesse (O almightie and most gracious God) be exceeding notable towardes those men that reuerence thée with true and perfect deuocion. Yet notwithstanding (such is the weaknesse of man) that the prosperity of the wicked doth very often bleare and dasell the eyes of thy elect and chosen seruaunts, whilest they sée all things happen vnto them luckely and as they woulde wishe, who contemne aswell all humaine lawes as diuine, and are fallen into so extréme wickednesse, insomuch as they both thinke and preach most shamelessely, that thou hast nowe no regarde of our affayres and welfare. Neither suffer (we humbly beséech thée) the séete of our fayth eyther to stacker or to be any thing doubtfull, stretch forth thy mightie hand to our great misfor-

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tune, and bridle our mouthes and imaginations in such sort, that we beginne not to ymagine a vaine and vnprofitable maner of worshipping thée. Strengthen vs so, as we may patiently and with a Christian kinde of sufferaunce abide the issue and vttermost successe of things. At what tyme thy last exceeding great iudgement shall mightily shew forth hir selfe, then wil it appéere with howe notable an vpprightnesse thou orderest all thinges. Graunt vs also in the meane season, to desire nothing more feruently, then that our mindes may be fastned and linked vnto thée with an indissoluble knot, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxiiij. Psalme.

A prayer for the churches preseruation gaynst the ouerlaries of the gospell.

IF it shall happen (O most mighty God) which we right well knowe doth oftentimes come to passe, that (by reason of the manifolde sinnes which are by vs oftentymes committed) we prouoke thy wrathfull indignation agaynst vs, and purchase the grieuous scourges wherewith we be much chastised. Be mindfull

mindfull (we humbly beſeech thée) of thy exceeding great goodneſſe and louing promiſes, which thou knoweſt we haue alreadie layde holde of by fayth, neyther deliuer thou our ſoules into the power of the outragious aduerſaries of thy glorie and our ſaluation. Forſomuch as they earneſtlye bend themſelues about none other thing, but eyther to throwe downe thy excellent workes, or to make voyde and of none effect the ſaluation of mankinde, which with ſo great mercifulneſſe thou haſt purchaſed, let their enterpriſes be made fruſtrate, whoſe driftes tend to none other ende but that thy glorious name maye be blaſphémed and very euil ſpoken of. Be mindefull (we hũbly beſeech thée) of the good thinges which thou haſt hitherto beſtowed vpon vs, neyther ceaſſe to bring vnto perfection ỹ worke of redemption ỹ thou haſt alredy mightily begunne in vs. Ariſe (O good god) and aide ſuch with thy ſpéedie helping hand, as vnfeynedly call vpon thée, that the fonde deuiſes of the vngodlye haue no ſucceſſe at all either agaynſt thy renowmed glorie or our ſaluation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxv. Pſalme.

A prayer that we may be obedient to the worde of God.

OUr earneſt and feruent deſire is (O moſte mightie God) to celebrate thy glorious name and exceeding wonderous actes: for we require thee (euen from the bottome of the heart) to bring to paſſe, that thy bleſſed people maye be defended from theſe terrible daungers, in ſuch wiſe as they come not to vtter ruine. Remoue our heynous ſinnes out of thy remembraunce (we humbly beſeech thee) neyther impute this thing chiefly vnto vs, that where as thou haſt called vs vnto thee, and ſet before our eyes an order of true godlineſſe, and made the ſame free for euery one of vs to leade our life accordyng to thy bleſſed word and chriſtian profeſſion, we haue not onely behaued oure ſelues coldely therein, but haue moſt vnthankfully caſt away the diſcipline & trade of liuing which the fayth thou inlargeſt vs with and beſtoweſt vpon vs, is worthy of. Regard not therfore the nũber of our heynous ſinnes, neither how great our deſerts be, nor yet what thy iuſtice might rightfully

ly requyre at our handes: but (for our Lord Jesus Christes sake thy most derely beloued sonne) be mercifull vnto vs, and set forwarde thy selfe to defende vs agaynst our most vehement and outragious enimies, and publishe that abroade to their shame, which is rightfull & exceding iust, when it shall seeme good in thy sight. Thou vpholdest the earth and whole worlde, and euery creature depend onely vpon thee: wherfore if thou doest stand on our side, nothing can so hinder vs, but that we may be safely preserued. The very folishe and vngodly Antichristians haue not onely lift vppe their hornes, but also are wonderfull outragious against vs, who vtter horrible and vnspeakable blasphemies agaynst thee, and with a stiffe necke cast away from them euery yoke or burthen that thy sacred worde bringeth. Our helpe (O good God) which is of any force, commeth neyther from the East, nor from the West, nor yet from any other part or coast of the worlde: but thou onely oughtest to be our iudge, who canst at thy will and pleasure both rayse vs vp and cast vs downe againe. But forsomuch as the cup is in thy hande, let them drinke

and ſucke out the dregges thereof, where-with they may be ſo brought a ſléepe, as thy bleſſed Church maye be no more hereafter troubled of them. We will then talke of thée, and ſing Pſalmes vnto thy glorious name, when as the hornes of the vngodlye ſhall be broken in péeces, and the righteous take quiet and peaceable reſt in thée, through Jeſus Chriſt our lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

FOr this intent and purpoſe (O moſte mightie God) are we determined to honor & extoll thée, becauſe thou art alwayes readie to heare thoſe that call vpon thy glorious name with a right ſincere fayth, and doeſt manifeſt thy preſence by ỹ beſtowing of notable and excellent giftes. We render moſt heartie thankes vnto thee for this cauſe chiefly, in that thou haſt vouchedſafe to chooſe vnto thy ſelfe a Church out of this great number of vs, wherein (ſeeing it is conuenient that thou ſhouldeſt reigne and ſhewe thy almightie power) we earneſtly require thée, vtterly to ſubuert all maner of vngodlineſſe, and contrariwiſe maintein innocencie

innocencie and right pure religion. What earthly and fleshly thing of the worlde remaineth in vs, let it forthwith be drowned, and cause thou all thinges (which by thy heauenly spirite thou hast bestowed vpon vs in our regeneration) to bée throughly grounded in vs: make thy righteous and elect seruauntes like vnto most strong pillers, but let suche as inhabite the earth, which striue against thy holye name, and blessed doctrine, stagger and fall. Haue a regarde to this, we humbly beséech thée (O excellent father) that the fooles may forsake at one tyme or other their folly, and let the wicked at length ceasse to abuse their power, which they séeme to bend against godlinesse and thy sacred Gospell: doe away their furious wordes, arrogant taunts, and rebellious blasphemies. Neyther haue thou (O good God) any respect in this case what our sinnes haue deserued (which are verye heauie and right grieuous to be borne) neither are we ignorant of them, nor yet doe we mistrust, but thou (for thy infinite mercies sake) wilt vtterly blotte those out, least we be inforced through the same, to drinke drie the cup of thy most bitter wrath. Let

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¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxvj. Psalme.

A prayer that our courage kaueth vs not in affliction.

THou hath pleased thy vnspeakeable goodnesse without anye of our desertes (O most mightie God) that thy blessed worde shoulde be well knowne amongst vs, and thy sonnes holy Gospell preached in the midst of vs, which thing, as we do know to be a singuler and right excellent benefite, so doe we diligently cõsider, that (through our owne default) the same doth greatly burthen vs. For we haue doubtlesse vsed shamefull vnthankefulnesse towardes thy diuine Maiestie, in that we haue framed our life nothing at

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and had in very great admiration aboue al
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FOrsomuch as (O moste mightie God) thou hast chosen thée an house and mansion place in thy sacred Church, therefore art thou well knowen in hir, and thy glorious name is there most notably set forth, bicause thou hast full many a time and very often driuen the shaftes, bowe, sworde,

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and shielde therefro, with all warlike ingines, and subtil deuices inuented by souldiours, which the fierce aduersaries of thy sacred doctrine and enimies of true religion did prepare against the same, being set vp thereto by thee. There thou hast (I say) for this cause bene continually famous and had in very great admiration aboue al robbers & tyrants of this wretched world. Wherefore our right humble request is, that oure sinnes be not the occasion thou withdrawest thy selfe from so laudable and renowmed a custome of thy excellencye. But if thy sacred Church be a little while afflicted and greuously troubled, as we haue well deserued, make thou, for the glorie of thy name, his pupissaunt aduersaries, (yea rather thine) of such feblenesse, as those be which are a slepe, so that, if they will abuse their strength, let them greatly faile thereof, and cause both their footmen and horsemen (through thy rebuking of them) to be of no force at all. We right wel know (O good God) that thou onely oughtest to be feared, insomuch as no man is able to indure thy wrathfull displeasure. Arise therefore to iudge thy sacred Churches

ches cause, insomuch as hir milde Citizens may by thy puyssant helpe be mightily preserued, & that whatsoeuer the most disdainfull enimies haue interprised by threates to doe against the same, it maye redowne to thy owne prayse and renowmed glorie. Graunt (O good God) that we maye with an exceading chærefulnesse and ioyfulnesse of heart, render such thankes giuinges as we haue bowed vnto thee for so great a benefite, when as we shall perceyue all the kinges of the earth to stande in great feare of thy excellent Maiesty, and that thou hast abated the courages of the mightie princes of this wretched worlde, throughe Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxvij. Psalme.

A prayer of consolation in distresse, & cõsidering the wonderfull workes of God.

WE crye vnto thée in heart & voyce (O most mightie God) with such an assured confidence, that seing thou be our puyssaunt God, wée are heard of thée in thése our sorowfull tribulations, who (through our earnest repentance and hartie inuocation of thy blessed name) make diligent searche for thée, whilest

whilest we are on euery side oppressed with much anguishe and sore afflictions, neither is there any other firme & substanciall consolatiō remayning vnto vs. For so long as our minde is grieuously troubled, and hart exceedingly disquieted, what other thing remaineth, but that we (being moued with extreme heauinesse and dolefull sorowe) doe make our mone and heauie complaint vnto thee. Aboue all other things our heynous sinnes do sting vs, whereby we both right well knowe that thou art offended, and also fele by experience a troublesome and wounded conscience in oure selues. Wherefore our mindes are miserably afflicted, and being ouerwhelmed with feare and sorowe, all our strength doth vtterly fade away. Our eyes attend diligently vpon thee, whose minde and heart being broken and cast downe, we lamentably require thy fauourable mercie. Ah God most deere father, shall our manifolde sinnes be the cause why thou wilt alwayes hyde thy selfe from vs? Wilt thou ceasse to shewe thy selfe both merciful and gentle vnto vs? For thou truely art of nature patient and long suffering: wherefore let vs not be de-

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ſtitute of thy mercie and louing kindneſſe which are vnmeaſurable. Be not thou (O good God, who art the father of mercie) forgetfull to ſhew thy fauourable compaſſion towardes vs. We verily haue prouoked thy heauie diſpleaſure, by reaſon of oure naughty behauiour: notwithſtanding thou canſt with thy moſt high right hand eaſily alter the ſame and pardon our grieuous offences, which we haue no miſtruſt of, ſo long as thy excellent workes depart not out of our remẽbrance. Thou wert wont to ſhewe wonders in deliuering thy faythfull people: therefore at this time alſo ſtretch out thy mightie power againſt the vngodlye, who haue aſſayled thy bleſſed flocke with deceyptfull pollecies and warlike crueltie, and deale with them according to thy olde accuſtomed maner. It is not vnbeknowen to vs how wonderfully thou diddeſt deliuer the Iſraelites from the Egyptians. The waters of the great depe, the clowdes, the thunders, the lightnings, and al creatures haue at thy forceable word ſet forth their ſafegarde and welfare: inſomuch as thou didſt lead out thy choſen people like ſheepe by the hands of Moyſes and

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Aaron, euen whither soeuer it pleased thée. Be thou (O excellent father) in such wise assistant vnto vs with thy armies, that (being deliuered from our moste cruell enimies) we may through an vnfeyned fayth and pure conuersation of life, be drawne vnto thée, who art our assured hope and chiefe thing we delight in, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

WE haue a perpetual regard to thy excellẽt goodnesse (O almightie God) in these most troublesome times, who make thée wearie through our dayly prayers and very feruent peticions, flying to thy diuine Maiestie as vnto our only Sauior, whilest thy blessed Church is in so great peril. Neither is our sorow and mournings finally increased, so long as we call to remembraunce the things that were done in olde time, wherein a man might with an assured minde and very quiet conscience, peaceablye and without offence haue addicted himselfe to set forth with high prayses, both thy glorious name, and also thy excellent

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doctrine. But forsomuch as we haue very muche abused the gift of so great securitie and most sound quietnesse, we do now earnestly beseech thee (O excellent father) to forgiue whatsoeuer we haue committed agaynst thy excellent Maiestie: but seing it cannot come to passe that thou shouldest be forgetfull to shewe mercie towardes thy faythfull seruauntes, cast vs not vtterly away. And forsomuch as it behoueth thy louing promises to take place at length, withdraw not thy fauourable mercie altogither from vs. We doe nowe right well cal to remembrance thy wonderous workes of olde, which thou wroughtest in deliuering the children of Israell out of Egypt: for so soone as the waters in the sea beheld thy omnipotent power, they were sore afrayed, and moued after a maruelous sort. Thou didst fight against the vngodly with darke clowdes, thunderinges, lightnings, windes and an horrible tempest. In lyke maner therefore thou then deliueredst thy people of Israel, euen so now preserue thy blessed Church from the outragious cruelties of Sathan and enuious enterprises of his wretched adherentes, throughe Iesus

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Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

The greater the afflictions be (O moste good and merciful God) that we indure, so muche the more are we accustomed to pray the feruētlier vnto thē: for seing that we nowe right well perceyue and do dayly more & more fele that thy sacred church is miserably tormented and vexed sundrye wayes, we come and make intreatance to thy gentlenesse, beseeching thē to ayde hir in such wise as thou wert wont to doe in hir first age. Doubtlesse thy most perfect nature, and also thy exceeding constancie, wherewith thou art indued, can not abide that thou (who hast bēne alwayes fauourable towards those which thou didst most tenderly loue) shouldest nowe gather, thy goodnesse togither in a bundel, to the intent thou wouldest withdrawe the same from them. Wherefore our earnest and hartye desire is that thou wouldest vtter thy auncient inuincible power towardes vs at this instant, in raysing, cherishing, and restoring thy holy Church, no lesse then thou shewedst

shewedst the same in tymes past touching the deliueraunce of the Israelites from the Egyptians bondage and seruitude: to the intent that howe much the moze care thou hast therof, so much the moze a great deale it may appere that thou hast mightily deliuered the same from the deuill, sinne, and moste cruell death, through Jesus Christ our Lozd. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .Lxxviij. Psalme.

A prayer for grace and vprightnesse of heart.

Forsomuch as the diuine scriptures haue most perfectly published thy exceding glorious wozkes (O most mightie God) by setting thy childzen at libertie in Egypt, assuredlye knowing that what thinges soeuer are set forth in the holy Bible, they all make very much to our comfort and consolation: wee nowe most heartily require thee, that thou wouldest in these exceding daungerous tymes, continuallye renue our memozie with thy holye spirite, who being moued herewith, may repose our whole cõfidence in thee onely. Thou broughtest thy childzen of Israell oute of Egypt, in wozking of

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dreadfull things agaynſt Pharao. The ſea gaue place, a clowde couered them, a light of fire guided them on their iourney, the rocke gaue water, the heauen ſent them both Manna and fleſhe: and in Mount Sinai thou ſhewedſt thy ſelfe at what tyme it pleaſed thee to giue them a law by Moyſes. Thou therefore who haſt done ſo great and manifold things for the Iſraelites, forſake vs not in ſuch wiſe, as the ſhepe of thy flocke may be ſcattered abroade by the Deuill and Antichriſt. We verily haue ſinned agaynſt thee, and that greuouſly and very often: howbeit they alſo were oftentymes rebellious and murmured agaynſt thy diuine Maieſtie in the wildernelſe, when as they had leſſe credite to thy ſacred woords then beſeemed them. There thou diddeſt ſharpely puniſhe that people, neyther yet ſuffereddſt thy heritage to be deſtroyed, but knewſt well that they were fleſhe, and had a verye wauering ſpirite: wherefore thou wert ſo touched with mercy that thou didſt helpe them in aduerſitie. We therfore earneſtly require thee (O good God) that thou wouldeſt doe none otherwiſe to thy bleſſed Church at this preſent, in mightie

defending and valiant deliuering hir after any other sort then thou didst the Iewes when thou haddest layde thy rod of correction somewhat vpon them, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WEe heartily acknowledge and earnestly confesse (O most mighty god) that the ingratitude of mankinde is exceeding great, which thing truely appeareth plainly by our lewd dædes: but seeing that it is an easie matter for euery man to bee blind in his owne case, it is more manifestly set forth by our forefathers actes, which are most truely made mention of in the holy scriptures. We haue heard that the children of Israell were deliuered through thée, by a number of miracles, when as thou broughtest them out of Egypt, who being gouerned, defended, and nourished in the desert with such a diligent studie and prudent care, as no greater could be deuised and imagined, yet for all this the same people are reported to shewe themselues so much vngratefull and obliuious of thy excellent

cellent benefites, that they alwayes murmured againſt thee their god, their maker, deliuerer, & guide moſt iuſt. Therefore we humbly beſeeche thee, O excellent father, that (ſeeing thou of thy free mercie haſt elected vs, and moreouer bewtified vs with the higheſt ornamentes of thy grace) thou wouldeſt neuer ſuffer or cauſe the ſame to depart out of our memory, but rather ſtirre vs vp euery moment with thy bleſſed ſpirit to render ſuch kinde of thankes vnto thee, wherby both thou mayſt be moſt honored, and we greatly prouoked forward to leade a godlye and vertuous life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

BEſides the prodigious wonders and marueylous ſignes (O moſte good and mercifull God) whereby thou thoughteſt good diuers and ſundry times to maintaine and defend the fathers in the olde lawe, the ſelfe ſame haſt thou commaunded both to be ſet forth for the commoditie of thoſe that come after, and alſo to be regiſtred for a perpetuall remembraunce, to the intent

that so many as shall perceyue the things by fayth, may conceyue as assured an hope of thy mercie, louing kindnesse, and faythfulnesse toward themselues, as they wonder exceeding greatly at thy vnspeakeable goodnesse extended vpon their olde fathers. For the seeing of those mens chastisements by the seuerities of thy iust iudgement, may also be a verye great warning vnto them, that they shall be no more spared then the others, when through their lewde behauiour, they cease not to prouoke thy wrathfull indignation agaynst them: Our earnest request is therefore (O heauenly father) that we may reape much commoditie hereby. For we verily are (through thy gracious fauor) deliuered from euerlasting destruction, euen as they were out of Egypt. But this is our most earnest request which we require as nowe at thy mercifull handes, that we be not ledde by our filthie lustes and lewd desires to prouoke thy heauie wrath vnto our confusion, in such sort as they were by grudging at thy vnestimable goodnesse in the wildernesse, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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An other prayer out of the same Pſalme.

WE may right well perceyue (O moſt good and merciſull God) that the deſires of our wicked luſtes be much hurtful, either bicauſe we are prouoked through the to poure out complaints agaynſt thee, who art moſt perfectly good, or elſe for that (in compaſſing the filthie deſires of them) we purchaſe greatly vnto our ſelues the moſt ſeuere punishmentes of thy vnſpeakable iuſtice: for we are now admoniſhed in due tyme by the holy ghoſt, of all ſuch thinges as happened vnto the Iſraelits in the wilderneſſe. Wherefore we (being taught by other mens perilles) are very carefull, leaſt we be wrapped in ſemblable miſfortunes through the like miſbehauiour. Our earneſt deſire is therefore that thou wouldeſt giue eare vnto our feruent prayers, wherein, we humbly beſeech thee to giue vs grace that we may neuer be forgetfull of thy excellencie, neyther let it come at any time into our harts, either by words or thought, to paſſe with thee, in whome is nothing but moſt perfect veritie. For whenſoeuer

we fall through humaine infirmitie, haue thou mercie vpon vs, who knowest vs to be both fraile flesh, and also very weake spirited: and so (of thy infinite goodnesse) incline thy selfe nowe partly to rayse vs vp, being alreadie fallen, and partlye also to confirme vs, that we be not thrust downe into euerlasting destruction, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxix. Psalme.

A prayer for obteyning of mercie and succor agaynst the persecutors of the Church.

THou hast chosen vs (O most mightie God) to be thy heritage, and doubtlesse there is nothing permitted which might be a furtherraunce to the furnishing, garnishing, and making vs right blessed: thou hast giuen vs the knowledge of thy sacred scriptures, the preaching of thy blessed Gospel, the administration of thy holy Sacraments, and others innumerable, which belong to the bewtefying of this thy heritage. But woe alas, (being vngratefull of all these moste excellent and singuler giftes) haue accomplished nothing as was required of vs. Therefore the wicked and barbarous Nations

tions are not without iuſt deſert ſtirred vp togither (through thy wrathfull indignation) to inuade thy holy Churche, and to ſhed the bloud of thy faythfull people and bleſſed inheritance as if it were water, making of vs a verye ſcorne and laughing ſtocke: and that (which is more lamentable and greatlier to be ſorowed) they perſecute in vs not our deadly ſinnes, but thy owne ſelfe, thy holy Goſpell, thy diuine honor, and pure worſhipping of thee. Wherfore (O God moſt deere father) our earneſt requeſt is that thou wouldeſt not be alwayes angrie with thy people and ſheepe of thy paſture. Poure out therefore thys thy wrath (which is kindled againſt vs for our ſinnes) vpon the heathen that haue not knowne thee: and ſuffer not thy bleſſed Church to be deuoured of the vngodly. We hartily deſire thee (for thy infinite mercies ſake, and by the interceſſion of thy moſte deerely beloued ſonne our Lorde) to haue no more in remembrance our olde heynous ſinnes. And ſeing that we put our whole truſt and confidence in thy goodneſſe onely, aſſiſt and deliuer ſuch as crie and call vnto thee, euen for the glorie of thy names ſake.

Be mercifull vnto our greeuous sinnes, otherwise ẏ vngodly will say that thou hast reiected thy owne case. Let the sorrowfull sighing & lamentable teares of ẏ oppressed come before thee, and not be put out of thy sight: pardō whatsoeuer we haue greeuously cōmitted agaynst thee, and vouchsafe to shew vpon vs the force of thy assistant help to the intent that we thy louing heritage, thy faythfull people, and sheepe of thy good pasture, maye giue thee thankes for euer, and shewe forth thy worthie prayses from one generation to another, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

LEt the wonderfull examples of thy rygorous iustice (O moste mightie God) wherewith thou hast subuerted the Kingdome of Israell, and wrapped that people for their rebelliousnesse agaynst thee, in slaughters, rapes, booties, burnings, captiuities, with all kinde of miseries and infelicitie, be a wholesome and comfortable admonition vnto vs, so that we may with a right cheerefull minde, lay hold vpon true

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repentaunce, and be deliuered therby from moſt greuous tormentes, which (through our innumerable heynous ſinnes) we haue worthely deſerued. For verye mete it is that thou ſhouldſt haue an eſpeciall regard vnto thy moſte bleſſed and glorious name: but if thou ſhalt poure out thy wrath vpon vs, the wicked will imagine ỹ thou hadſt no care to helpe ſuch as duely honor thee, and craue thy aſſiſtaunce with abundance of teares: for if any calamitie or aduerſitie light vpon thy ſacred Church, it is incontinent their accuſtomed maner malipartly to ſcoffe agaynſt the ſame, ſaying, where is nowe their God become? What profite haue they by their religion? By meanes whereof this kinde of reproch redoundeth vnto thee, vpon thy ſacred doctrine, and vpon thy holy Goſpell. Wherefore our humble and earneſt requeſt is, that (being right mindfull of the ſhepe of thy paſture) thou wouldeſt ſo defende and maintayne vs, as we may perpetually in all places, both publiſh and alſo ſet forth thy worthye prayſes, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde.

Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxx. Psalme.

A prayer for the repairing of the afflicted Church.

THou hast alwayes hitherto bene accustomed (O most mightie god) to be present like a louing shepeherd, with thy faythfull people, and to lead them forth vnder thy protection, as if they were shepe. We now therefore require thee to stirre vp thy mightye power in so great perilles, and shewe vs the bright light of thy fauourable countenaunce. Rayse vp thy selfe and be ready to helpe and deliuer vs. We truely acknowledge and earnestly confesse, that (in consideration of our heynous iniquities, & most greeuous sinnes committed against thee) thy heauie wrath hath not without good desert bene kindled agaynst vs, and thy iustice to be the principall cause why these exceeding great mischiefes wherewith thy blessed Church is nowe oppressed, haue inuaded the same. But seeing that at this present, we are right hartily sorie for all the sinnes which haue by vs bene committed agaynst thee, and that we may lamentably require thy louing fauour and mercie, how long

long wilt thou be angrie with vs? Howe long wilt thou suffer the great strife, grée-nous rebukes, and opprobrious slaunders wherewith the vngodly and moste lewde persons do touche thée in vs? Turne vnto vs, O excellent father (in this most trou-blesome time) the quiet and chærefull coũ-tenaunce of thy inestimable goodnesse, and be mindfull of thy notable benefits which thou hast bestowed vpon thy sacred church: and séeing that thou hast hitherto nouri-shed it, beautified it, and alwayes garnished the same with the most plentiful and large giftes of thy blessed spirite. Deliuer vtt not now ouer (we humbly beséeche thée) to be spoyled of the outragious, vngodly, & moste cruell Antichristians: suffer not so pleasant and chosen a vineyarde, which (with thy most high & excéeding mightie right hand, thou hast planted & increased) to be shame-fully and after a very wretched maner cast downe, set on fire, and vtterlye rooted vp. Looke downe from heauen and haue an es-peciall regard vnto suche as earnestly crie and call for thy spéedy assistaunce: let the vngodly perish at the rebuke of thy louing countenaunce, who doe perpetually blas-phéme

phæme thy glorious name, thy sacred gospell, and thy diuine worshipping exhibited vnto them by vs. But cause vs (beeing the worke of thy right hand) to feele saluation and thy readie helpe. Quicken and strengthen vs in such wise (so long as we cal hartily vpon thy blessed name) that we fal not from thee at any tyme, but be perpetually guyded in all oure actions with the cleere light and splendent brightnesse of thy most fauourable and louing countenaunce, thorow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

IT hath pleased thee (O moste mightye God) of thy great mercies sake, both to bee in deede, and also called a shepherd vnto such as trust vnfeynedlye in thee: from thy high throne therfore, in the which thou settest vpon the Cherubins and all the powers, styre thy healthfull strength and might (we humblye beseech thee) that wee may be mightily preserued thereby. But thou who seemest sometyme to be angrye with thy faythfull seruauntes, and makest them after a sort to become a derision and

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mocking stocke for the vngodly to iest at: turne nowe at length the countenaunce of thy blessed grace and louing fauour vpon them: and suffer not thy holy Church (being thy true vine which thou hast planted with thy wonderfull prouidence, and husbanded by thy selfe) to be troden downe and layde waste of sauage and moste cruell impietie: repayre the same againe in such wise, we humbly beseeche thee, that those thinges which are in hir pressed downe by the undermining of ypocrisie, thou mayest bring to light and restore againe whatsoeuer hath bene consumed by the fiery flame of tyranny, and a freshe make whole and sound the thinges that are much mangled and maymed: let thy fauourable hande be prompt and readie to our spedie defence, so that we (being quickned by thee) may call vpon thy blessed name, and being lightned with the benigne countenaunce of thy louing mercie, maye liue safe and sounde to thee onely and none other, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxxj. Psalme.

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A prayer for perseuerance in faythe.

WE haue no small cause (O mosse mightie God) to celebrate thy inestimable prayses with exceeding great gladnesse and a very cheerefull minde, for so much as thou hast of thy infinit goodnesse deliuered vs from the miserable seruitude of our greeuous sinnes, and tyrannie of the Deuill. Seing that therefore we acknowledge thée to be dure onely God, we earnestly desire thy gracious goodnesse to graunt vs this request, that we maye giue care onely vnto thy diuine maiesty, and honor thée alone, neither make any thy equall, or preferre any thing before thée. For in that we haue beene of such boldnesse as to doe so aforadie, thou (who art the true God) hast caused vs to suffer no light or common punishments, forsomuch as we being left vnto our selues, haue condiscended vnto our owne lewd desires, and followed our wretched lustes, then the which plague, we know noiwe assuredly that nothing coulde happen vnto men more miserable and noysome: whereby we are taught to desire with all our hartes for to giue care vnto thée, and that we may walke hereafter in thy blessed commaundements,

maundements, which being obteyned, we vnderstande for a certaintie that thou wilt performe thy faythfull promises, insomuch as thou represselt & kéepest vnder the fierce enimies of our salnation, & wilt at length, perpetually féede vs with thy most pleasãt and vnspeakeable dainties, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE that ought so much as in vs lyeth, to render most hartie thanks and inestimable prayses vnto ther (O most mightie God) for the excellent benefites we haue receyued at thy mercifull handes, so that it behoueth vs to celebrate thy glorious name not onely in voyce, but also with Musicall instruments, it falleth out in such wise (by reason of our wicked deserts) that we see thy sacred Church plunged in extréme perilles: in consideration wherof, we are inforced both earnestly to confesse, and also lamentably to bewayle our grœuous sinnes before thée. Thou wouldest (of thy vnspeakable goodnesse) haue set vs long ago at libertie from the tirannical thraldome and

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cruell bondage of Antichrist: but we vile wretches haue most filthily abused our fredome and benefite of quietnesse. Thou hast oftner then once (as thou didst vnto the Israelites) both by the sacred Scriptures, and also through the ministers of thy blessed worde, protest vnto vs on this wise: giue eare vnto me (O my people) and acknowledge me truly to be thy God, not in words (I say) only, but in minde verily, and with a perfect and most pure worshipping. But we (alas) haue turned our heart from thy holy wordes, whereby our heynous sinnes are continually more and more increased, and the aduersaries of thy holy Church also (whome thou without doubt wouldest haue ouerthrowne and cast downe if wee had giuen credite vnto thee) are nowe become a very terrour vnto vs: for we that might ercæding quietly and carelesly haue inioyed thy most swæte and pleasant gifts, are nowe ouerthrowne day by day wyth greater and more grœuous afflictions. Yet we humblye beseeche thee (for thy singuler mercyes sake) not to forsake thy sacred Church being vexed so miserably and after such a wretched sort. We present at length

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therevnto in such wise, that she may perpetually kæpe and retaine the true Religion and pure doctrine which thou hast set forth and deliuered vnto hir, through Jesus christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .Lxxxij. Pſalme.

A prayer for a good Magistrate.

THe gouernment of all kingdomes and earthly power appertayneth vnto thæ (O moste good and mercifull God) who neyther minister iustice nor right vnto their people, vnlesse they be ruled and guided with thy blessed spirite. Wherefore we earnestly requyre thæ to helpe mortall mens causes which be farre out of order, both by multiplying and mainteyning of good Princes: and also by correcting the lewde and outragious, so that poore mens supts be not neglected, that the oppressed may be set at libertie, and that godlinesse in especiall maye flourishe and greatly go forward. And as thou hast vouchedsafe through thy diuine power to bewtifie our Magistrates, Princes, and King, with thy heauenly name, euen so we hartily require thæ also (of thy vnspeakeable

gōdnesse) to cause their worke and ministerie to be such, and so duly executed, as the faythfull (so long as they liue in this wretched worlde) may honor thē purelye and lead a right vertuous and godly life, so that togither with them they maye be brought vnto thē (who art king of kings and Lord of Lordes) where they may ioyntly be partakers of eternall gōd thinges, and moste excellent felicitie, throughe Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE hartily acknowledge and earnestly confesse (O moste mightie God) that thy chosen people who haue neglected their obedience towardes thē are very often inforced to be in subiection vnto wicked rulers, and vnbeleuing Princes, neither is there any cause why we should complaine of iniurie profered vnto vs in so doing. For we haue so grēuously and after such a froward maner sinned against thē, as wē haue not only deserued these, but also much more heynouser punishments. Notwithstanding, the assured hope we repose in thy blessed

blessed wordes and loving promises, wee most heartily and with much fervencie beseeche thee to succor thy sacred Church in these most troublesome times. And thou who hast vouchesafe to bestilie the superior powers and Magistrates with ỹ name and title of Gods, vouchsafe also to overlooke their counsels with thy iustice, shewing thy selfe as an vpright iudge amongst them, least they (being left vnto their owne sensualitie and lewdnesse wherwith mans corrupt nature is of it selfe greatly overcharged) do not very wrongfully persecute thy holy Church, and yeld vnto vngodlinesse those thinges which be neither méte nor conuenient. If thou O most deere father, do (according to our earnest prayers) intermeddle thy selfe amongst them in ordring the common wealth, we doubt not but thou wilt (by thy direction and furtheraunce) revenge the poore and fatherlesse, and set such at liberty from their most grieuous and extréme perils, as be exceedingly afflicted and very sore oppressed. Our earnest request is, that thou wouldest not deliuer thy blessed Church vnder their rule & dominion which walke in darknesse, who,

hauing no maner of vnderstanding, nor perceyueraunce of their duetie, go about so much as in them lyeth to ouerthrowe all right, iustice, and godlinesse. Nowe when these men (who are so highly promoted by thée, as to be called Gods, and the Sonnes of the moste highest) doe neyther perceyue nor yet vnderstande the same, they deserue to be cast away, and die like most vile persons. The Church (O good God) is thy chosen heritage, wherefore mightily assist it, and take thou thy selfe vpon thée hir case to mainteine and defende, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxxiij. Psalme.

praier that God would defende hys word in dis-ate of the agodly.

THe hatred, armies, deceipts, and pernicious deuices of the fierce enimies of our saluation (O almightie God) do so dayly increase, that we are inforced to crie vpon thée continually. Whose whole driftes tende to none other purpose then to pull vs from thée, and that there might not any person be found, which should eyther trust in thée, or purely call vpon thy blessed name as he ought

ought to do. For our owne flesshe, our sen-
ses, and vngodly men haue togither with
the fierce rulers of darknesse, conspired a-
gainst thy sacred Churche, and finally all
earthly and worldlye affections and habi-
litie haue lift vp themselues to ouerthrow
the same. Wherefore our earnest request is
that thou wouldest not kæpe silence, ney-
ther holde thy peace, nor yet be in quiet: for
like as thou hast of olde time ouerthrowne
the Egyptians, Madianites, Cananites,
and Philistines, for the safegard of the Is-
raelites: euen so at this day deliuer thou
those which haue wholy committed them-
selues to thy faythfull protection and go-
uernement, whose force, puyssaunce, and
saluation, is layde vp in thæ onely. Bridle
thou so the boldnesse of our outragious e-
nimies (or rather of thine) to the entent all
men may perceyue that thou onely art the
God, whom (reiecting all maner of super-
sticions) they ought wholy to worship and
purely call vpon, through Iesus Christ our
Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxxiiij.
Psalme.

A prayer for the increasement of ayth.

LOke what earnest and feruent desire so euer the olde fathers had (O most mightie God) to come vnto the place wherein thou haddest appointed a Tabernacle to thy selfe for that tyme, euen the like are we kindled withall in beholding the repayring of thy sacred Church, and to see therin a very great companie of Godly men lawfully assembled togither for the aduauncement of thy glorie, hearing thy holy doctrine, and duly receyuing of thy blessed sacraments accordingly. Wherefore we humbly beseech thée, (which art our God and King) that we may one day or other reioyce to be there: for what felicitie soeuer maye bee attayned vnto in this fraple life, we doubt not but it will light vpon the sacred companie of the godly. Giue eare therefore (O excellent father) vnto our earnest prayers, and graunt that we make none other accompt of thy blessed house, then thy will and pleasure is wee should do: for a more blessed thing it were for vs to haue one dayes meeting and abode therein, then if we abide neuer so great a time of continuaunce in the congregation of the vngodlye, or in suche a one as is not lawfully

lawfully assembled with the aduauntage and ouerplus of all the pleasures of thys transitorie worlde. Seeing that therefore thou art our most splendent light, & strong defence, cause our assemblies on the earth so to redound to thy vnspeakeable glory, that our assured hope (by comming in the ende vnto thee into the euerlasting tabernacles of the heauens) may be augmented, and very muche increased, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxxv. Psalme.

A prayer for the whole congregation of Christ.

Shewe thy selfe gentle and gracious (O almightie God) towards thy beloued Churche, for thy exceedinge great glorye sake and mercie moste magnificent, that we may be miraculously deliuered from the horrible fardell and cruell bondage of our deadlye sinnes: who haue hitherto beene bond slaues to the fleshe, and wretched prisoners of the diuill, and yet hast thou vouchedsafe to release & forgiue vs the whole number of our deadly iniquities, and couered all our heynous offences. Notwith-

standing therefore we are nowe also very vngratefull, and such as be not worthie of thy gracious benefits: our earnest request is that thou wouldest withholde thy selfe from thy wrathfull indignation. Surelye thou art iustly angrie with vs, but (for the glory of thy name) represse this furie which is stirred vp by reason of our grieuous sinnes, and leade vs into the straite way of perfect health, forsomuch as it appertayneth not to thy louing kindnesse, to be alwaies offended with thy faithful seruaũts, or to continue thy heauie wrath and fierce indignatiõ vnto many generations. Deale with vs after thy olde accustomed maner, and not according to our lewde desertes, scatter abrode our cruell enimies, and put them to flight whom thou (being prouoked through our great default) wouldest that we should feele. Thou which in thy great wrath doest kill, and being pacified, quickenest againe, shewe thy mercie and sauing health, like as thou hast set destruction before our eyes, to the intent thou wouldst both terrefie and chastice vs, Graunt that we (which haue heretofore bene marueylous rebellious and verye stubburne)

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maye euer hereafter giue obedient eare to these things which thou speakest and willest vs to doe. Let thy vnspeakable louing mercie and famous truth be linked in vs togither, & vouchsafe that peace and righteousnesse may with an vndissoluble bande, sticke fast in our hearts, that when as thou hast deliuered vs from the handes of the most outragious Antichrist and his cruell Champions, we may yelde vnto thee the plentifull fruites of holinesse and perfect righteousnesse, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

FOrsomuch as (O moste mightie God) we be thy adopted sheepe, faithfull people, and louing heritage, our whole assurance is that thou wilt be mercifull vnto vs, yea and so fauorable, as to forgiue our cursed iniquities and heynous sinnes, and to pardon such grieuous penalties & horrible punishments as we haue right worthily deserued. Quench thou of thy louing kindnes (we humbly beseech thee) thy great furie which we haue kindled against our

ſelues, and diſſolue the ꝓꝛefull indignation that we haue ꝓꝛouoked to be poured vpon vs, foꝛſomuch as it is not thy ꝓꝛopertie (although our lewde and naughtie behauiour hath iuſtly deſerued the ſame) eyther to be alwayes angrie, oꝛ elſe to ſhew foꝛth thy fierce wꝛath a long tyme. But contrariwiſe doeſt rather ſet out thy ineſtimable goodneſſe euery where and in all places, and art accuſtomed to ꝓꝛofer ſaluation vnto ſo manye as flie vnto thée foꝛ the ſame. Graunt thou (O moſt déere and excellent father) who ſpeakeſt alwayes peaceable matters and thoſe thinges which are foꝛ our ſinguler commoditie, that we maye haue a verye great regarde to thy bleſſed woꝛdes. Which thing if it ſo fall out, wée ſhall not onely be ſaued and adoꝛned with glorie, but alſo euerie thing of ours ſhal be repleniſhed with goodneſſe, truth, righteouſneſſe, and peace: fayth ſhall abounde, and through the ſame ſhall we be plenteouſly iuſtified. Our earneſt deſire is to obteyne this at thy mercifull handes, that we be not ydle and vnfruitfull ſeruaunts, but may walke in holineſſe and innocencie befoꝛ thée all the dayes of our life, throughe

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Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxxvj. Psalme.

SEeing that (O almightie God) our wretchednesse and pouertie is right great, therefore haue we very much nede of thy saluation, for so long as we nowe flie vnto thee to the intent thou shouldest be our spedie succor and assured defence, we call to remembrance our most greuous sinnes, corrupt life, and lewde behauiour, which neyther we will hide, nor yet (if we were willing thereto) could keepe ỹ same secret from thee. Thou right well perceyuest all our naughtinesse, which we truly acknowledge and confesse vnto thy diuine Maiestie: we haue greuously sinned, we haue done greatlye amisse, we haue bene marueylous disobedient, very stubburne, and exceeding wilfull agaynst thee, who deserue farre more heynous displeasures then these which we now feele and suffer. But bow thou downe thy fauourable loke (O excellent father) and giue eare vnto our feruent prayers, haue compassion vpon vs that crie out dayly

A prayer in distresse.

lye vnto thée, and lift vp our ſorrowfull eyes and beauy mindes towardes thy moſt excellent mercies ſeate, hauing this aſſured confidence, that, thou who art readie to forgiue, riche in louing kindneſſe towardes ſuch as call vpon thée, and excéding mightie in thy worckes aboue all Gods, wilt not diſpiſe vs in ſo great diſtreſſe and tribulation. Thou art moſt puyſſaunt, thou ſheweſt wonderfull thinges, and thou art God alone. Teache vs therefore thy perfect wayes, cauſe vs to walke in thy bleſſed truth: call backe our wandring heart vnto thée, that it may ſtande greatly in feare of thy holy name. Thou verilye haſt nobly made vs partakers of thy excellent mercye, but forſomuch as we were verye vngratefull, the hoſtes of the vngodly are riſen vp againſt vs, and the forefrunt of curſed mens battailes hath aſſayled vs, who neyther regarde thée at all, nor make any accompt of thy moſt bleſſed name and pure doctrine, indeuouring alonelye by their moſte lewde practiſes, thrcugh the ſame meane to deſtroy at one puſh both the true worſhipping of thée and our ſoules alſo. Seing that therefore thou art a very mer-

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tifull God, long ſuffering, of great loue, and true to truſt vnto, haue an eſpeciall regarde vnto the children of thy louing promiſe, be fauourable, ſtrengthen, & defende them, aduaunce thy Banner to our ſaluation, ſo that the cruell aduerſaries may bee confounded, and all men right well ſee and euidently perceyue thée onelye to be our moſt good and louing God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

NOtwithſtanding we doe right well conſider (O moſt mightie God) that our force and counſayles are very ſimple, yet we doubt not but that we thy bleſſed Saintes and elect veſſels, are prouoked to poure out our earneſt prayers and wofull cryes continually before thy diuine Maieſtie, and to repoſe our whole confidence in thée onely. Be thou therefore preſt and readie (who art verye mæke and louing, and alſo indued with moſte bountifull mercie and goodneſſe) to heare them that call vnceſſauntly to thée for ſpéedie helpe. Before all things teach vs thy moſt perfect wayes,

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so that (all dissimulation and hypocrisie being layde apart) we maye very purely and with much sinceritie obey thy blessed commaundements. And like as nothing is able to match thy Godhead, so our earnest desire is that all mortall men should knowe and duly reuerence the same: which thing shall be done, if, as thou hast oftentymes deliuered thy louing seruauntes from most daungerous perilles: so thou wouldest at this present haue an especiall regard vnto them, by increasing their strength and making their perfect deliuerance more ample, at what time the most puyssant enimies of mans saluation rise vp mightily agaynst thy faythfull people. Publishe we humbly beseech thée, this famous and notable signe, to the entent that when as the cruell aduersaries of thy glorie shall right well vnderstand the same, they may in good earnest vnfeynedly turne and bée conuerted vnto thée, throughe Iesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxxvij. Psalme.

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A prayer for the reedifying of ye christian congregation.

SEing that the Church is thy blessed house wherein thou (O Lord God) art highly prayſed & greatly cõmended. Vouchſafe we humbly beſeech thee, that the foundation thereof be not made vpon ſand, but in a large plaine ground cituated vpon the hils of thy moſt holy Saints, whoſe head and Chieftain is Chriſt. And to the intent thou (O good Lord) mayſt continually abide therein, or the place of thy habitation to be wonderfull pleaſant and delectable, in which thou ſpeakeſt things of very great importance, wherevnto men haue recourſe from all partes and borders of the worlde, being augmented through the mighty preaching of thy bleſſed worde, and is notably increaſed vpon all men by the comfort of thy exceeding ſweete promiſe: let hir fame be very largely ſpred abroad, for that ſhe hath no reſpect of perſons or deſerts, but cauſe all thy ſanctified children (bee they Jewes or Ethnicks, Lordes or ſeruauntes) to ſpring and grow vp in the ſame togither, through the ſtedfaſt and vnremoueable fayth they haue in Chriſt Jeſu. For this was thy owne purpoſed will (O moſt high & migh-

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tie God) euen from the beginning, to gather some togither out of diuers nations of the worlde, throughe the most manifest declaratiō of straunge & vnknowne tongues, by whom thou mightest be highly celebrated in pleasaunt songes and lowde blastes of glorious Trumpettes, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. So be it.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxxviij. Psalme.

A prayer in the tryall of fayth.

SEing that our onelye saluation dependeth wholy vpon thy diuine Maiestie (O almightie God) and that we doe crie daylye vpon thee, bowe downe thy fauourable eare to our humble prayers, turne not away thy face from them, but permit the same to come into thy blessed presence, specially at thys tyme when we be so glutted with aduersitie, who are neyther vniustly, nor yet without good cause punished with these troublesome and most sharpe afflictions: for wee haue behaued our selues so vnthankfully, liued after such a wicked sort, and so negligently honored thee, as all those euilles light vpon vs for our naughtie and lewde behauiour.

behauiour. How be it we are exceding sorie for the same, and doe lamentably in our most feruent prayers, require thy fauourable mercy, beseching thee not to deale with vs according to our iniquities and naughtie blages. Make vs not like vnto them that nowe lie in the graue, neyther recken vs with those that goe downe into the pit. Thou seest what mans strength is, what succour is to be had in fleshly handes, and howe vaine a thing outwarde power is: wherefore make haste to be our readie helper, neyther establishe thou thy wrath vpon vs, nor yet suffer vs to be drowned in these stormie tymes of Antichrist. We are become an open shame vnto the aduersaries of thy glorious name and Gospell, our friendes and acquaintaunce withdraw and hide themselues from vs. For which cause we call earnestly vppon thee, and stretche forth our sorowfull handes vnto thy most fauourable mercies seate: hide not thy louing face from vs, we humbly beseech thee, whereas otherwise we shall die like miserable wretches, neyther be able to abide the terror of thy fierce iustice. Although our deare friendes, nere neighbors, and familier

acquaintaunce withdraw themselues farre from vs, yet shewe thou thy selfe present with vs, and lighten vs in such wise with thy most redie helpe, to the intent, that being deliuered from so great perilles, wee maye not prayse thee in the graue, or in death, but amongs such as remaine a liue, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

BEcause (O most mightie God) we often fall from thee like men, so long as wee here liue, our mindes being ouercast with darknesse, and wee who ought to walke outwardly in thy blessed wayes, haue diuers times eyther fallen, or else do cowardly lye still: from the which thou (of thy vnspeakable goodnesse) hast beene accustomed to rayse vp such as thou well fauourest, either with some sicknesse, or aduersitie, to the intent thou mayest shake of their vnpalpable darknesse and slouthfull sluggishnesse from them, which thing we assuredly knowe thou wilt presentlye doe, and that without any delay, who feele our selues so bowed to the grounde and made crooked

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with the heauy burthen of woful miseries, as we are euen in a maner brought to vtter confusion and vndoing. Wherefore our earnest request is, (O moste deare Father) that thou wouldest not chastice vs in thy furie, nor destroy vs with the wrath of thy sore displeasure: but we woulde that the things which haue hitherto happened, might make to our reuiuing or restorement. For we nowe poure out our humble petitions and lamentable cryes before thy eye sight: thou seest how our friends and allies are gone cleane against vs, & that ꝑ aduersaries laying awayt for our lyfe, ceasse not to pitche snares, who do alwayes imagine crafftes and deceypts whereby they might do vs some notable mischiefe. Giue eare (O good God) to our feruent prayers and earnest petitions, and suffer not the enimies of thy glorious name to triumph ouer vs. Forsake vs not vtterly, holde not thy selfe alofe from vs, and make haste to bee our readie helper, forsomuche as the whole hope of our saluation consisteth only in thee, through Iesus Christ oure Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

FOrasmuch as (O almightie God) during this wretched life, we are hedged in with naughtinesse on euery side, who haue such plentie of calamities, and bee so glutted with miseries, that being yet aliue we walke in the middest of death: therefore with vehement and continuall prayer we crie vnto thee without ceassing, whom we accompt as our onely Sauiour. Behold (we humbly beseech thee) howe we by reason of our heinous sinnes, are so sore pined away, as we be now in a manner swalowed vp of finall destruction: thy grieuous wrath and heauie indignation being kindled for their sakes, doth make vs much afrayde, and miserably vereth vs. Neyther can our faithfull friends, louing neighbors, or well willers, helpe vs any thing at al, touching our deliueraunce from so grieuous inconueniences. Wherefore make hast (O excellent father) to helpe vs, and for thy infinite mercies sake, pardon whatsoeuer we haue most lewdly cõmitted against thee: which, if thou doest not so lõg as we here liue, that (which

(which our desire is thou wouldst remoue from vs) can take no place after thy iuste iudgement and sentence of condemnation. Shew forth againe the light of thy fauourable countenaunce vpon vs, which (by reason of our most wicked and lewde deserts) thou seemest worthily to haue turned so long time from vs, whereas otherwise we shall not be able to indure anye longer, our conscience accusing vs, and the sharpe hands of thy iustice ouerwhelming vs, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Lxxxix. Psalme.

A prayer to put God in remembrance of his promise.

Thy inestimable mercy (O almighty god) is most manifestly knowē, both because all Saintes do celebrate the same, and also for that it doth continually vtter and shewe forth it selfe throughout all generations, by meanes whereof thou art brought to make a couenant with thy elect people, ỹ Christes kingdome & his seede (which is the Church) should alwayes indure, neyther ought any mortall man to feare or stande in doubt, that thou art not able to performe whatso-

euer thou hast stedfastlye and with a solemne othe promised. The euident powers of thy almightie power appeared by punishing the Egyptians: and seeing that the heauens, the earth, the whole circuit of the worlde, the windes, the seas, and whatsoeuer thou hast made, perteyne to thy mightie gouernement, we doubt not but thou canst right well preserue thy beloued people whom thou hast adopted vnto thee, and which walke in the light of thy blessed countenaunce. And hereupon wee haue great neede, that thou shouldest doe thus much for vs in especially: namely to vouchsafe to forgiue vs the sinnes, wherwith we confesse our selues to haue most grieuously offended thee, forsomuch as they truely be the onely things why we are sore afflicted, and it is the waight of them that presse vs most downe. Giue pardon therefore vnto such as humbly cal to thee for readie helpe, and be our strong defence against the fierce aduersaries of thy blessed name: stretche out thy mightie arme, make thy hand strog for our preseruation, and in these daungers arme thy puyssaunt right hande for our deliueraunce, least the outragious vio-

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lence of the vngodly preuaile against vs: and suffer not the children of iniquitie to trouble vs according to their hatred and malicious euill will. Shake thou those and turne thou them so aside, that they be not able to execute the mischieuous deuises which they intend to doe against our holy Gospell. We call vpon thee, being our only Sauiour, louing God, and mercifull father: performe therefore and kéepe thy sacred couenant which thou hast fauourably made with thy faithfull ones. We haue vterly forsaken thy diuine law, we haue not walked in thy holy commaundements, we haue vnhallowed thy sacred thinges, neyther haue we béné obedient to thy blessed will: wherefore refuse we not to be beaten with the roddes of thy heauie displeasure, or to be kept vnder, with the scourges of thy most grieuous chastisement, but this onelye is our humble request, that thou wouldest not bereue vs of thy vnspeakable mercie, fauourable louing kindnesse, and vnspotted truth, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE hartily acknowledge (O almighty God) that it is the vse and guise of the Godly to set forth thy vnspeakeable mercie and fauourable godnesse, when as their affayres haue so good successe as they would gladly wish: but if we vndoubtedly shall reteyne and kéepe that custome in vnfortunate mishappes and grœuous calamities, as to set out thy fauourable mercie and louing kindnesse continually throwout all generations, then shall we bée most assuredly able to beare witnesse of the effectuall working of thy grace in vs. Suffer therefore (we humbly beséech thée) the promises and couenaunts which thou madest with Dauid thy moste faythfull seruaunt, neuer to slip out of our memories, namely, that thou wouldst of his séede giue Iesus Christ a moste puyssant and euerlasting king for all faythfull beleuers, vnder whose gouernment the vniuersall Church should both be defended from the enimies force, and also greatly flourish, being right well garnished with all kinde of good thinges. More then once we haue tryed the assuredneste of these faythfull promises. For thou hast oftentimes deliuered thy

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blessed people from moste grieuous and horrible daungers, for none other cause thē this onely: and therefore are we nowe incouraged to be importunate vpon thee, that thou wouldest (according to thy olde wont and accustomed maner) prouide remedy for the necessitie of thy louing people, when they stande in most nede thereof, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

THou hast not onely promised vnto vs (O most mightie God) abundaunce of grace in Christ Jesus our Lorde, whereby we maye be acceptable vnto thee, and become thy trustie friends, deere children, and peculier beyres, but also thou hast taken vpon thee to bestow so great clemencie vpon vs, that if we fall into any kinde of vice through our weakneste, thou wilt chastice our iniquities with a fatherly rodde and mercifull scourge, and not turne away thy louing countenaunce & well inclined mind from thy blessed Church at any tyme. Bee mindfull therefore (O heauenly father) of this thy sacred couenaunt which thou didst

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once determine to bée more firme and of stedfaster continuaunce then the high heauen, the bright Sunne, and the splendent Moone: but forsomuch as thy wrathful indignation is not a little kindled by reason of our most gréeuous sinnes, and that thou séemest to thrust down the case of thy faithfull seruauntes, and not a little to fauour the aduersaries of true godlynesse and enimies of thy glorious name, shewe forth nowe at length (we humbly beséech thée) thy great mercies of olde, neyther suffer vs which are the déere members of Christ (although of our partes marueylous vnworthie) not to be made a laughter and mocking stocke for the vnbeleuers to iest at, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xc. Psalme.

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FOrsomuch as thou (O almighty God) wouldest we shoulde haue this knowledge of thy holy Tabernacle, that it was not in déede of so great bignesse as it could conteine thy infinite power and vnmeasurable nature, therefore do we nowe hartily confesse thys

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to be moſt manifeſt, that thou art the only tabernacle, habitation, & ſure refuge to our weakneſſe: neyther art thou to be compted a freſh or new made dwelling place for the faythfull, but ſuch a one as is perpetuall and permanent, ſeing thou choſeſt them before the making and conſtitution of the worlde. And therefore the grœuous calamities and painfull miſeries which we indure, driue vs from all ſides vnto thée our mightie bulwark and moſt ſtrong defence. Surely we lead both a very miſerable & fugitiue life, which floweth abroad like water, fadeth away as a ſlœpe, and withereth incontinent in ſuch ſort as doth a grœne herbe, while we are continually conſumed and putte in feare by thy grœuous wrath and heauy indignation. We acknowledge that the heynous ſinnes which we haue lewdly committed, be the onely cauſe why thou art iuſtly ſore diſpleaſed with vs, for if thou didſt purpoſe aſſuredly to be reuenged of them, thy moſt ardent diſpleaſure woulde vtterly conſume and bring vs to naught. Our earneſt requeſt is therefore (O mightie God) that thou wouldeſt forgiue the heynous offences and exceeding

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wicked dædes wherewith we haue greatly offended thæ, so that thou doest not condemne vs for euer, but cause vs to reape this singuler commoditie of these præsent mischiefes, that (considering and well waying the force and efficacie of thy heauie wrath, and our brittle and most short lyfe) we may with a greater earnestnesse stande more in feare of thæ. Vse thy olde accustomed maner (O excellent father) in shewing thy selfe as now well pleased with thy afflicted and persecuted children: then shall we perfectly reioice and be right glad when thy working appæreth and is made manifest vnto vs. Let thy holy Ghost (we humbly beseech thæ) direct vs in such wise, as thy famous honour, thy excellent glorie, and thy clære brightnesse, may shine both in vs and in all our doings, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

IF we doe greatly reioyce in our owne behalfe (O most mightie God) that the plentifulnesse of thy louing fauour was so exceeding abundant towards vs, that such

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as thou right well loueſt, thoſe didſt thou elect before the foundation of the worlde was layde, and didſt predeſtinate to be partakers of thy eternall ioyes or euer ỹ mountaines were made, or any part of the world brought in ripe ſhape: our ioy doubtleſſe ſhall be doubled, if we thorowly way and conſider how ỹ of our owne ſelues (both by infirmity of nature, & alſo through the wickednes of our heynous ſinnes) we are otherwiſe nothing. For we run headlõg into perdition, ſlide as water, vaniſh away like a dreame, and in the twinckling of an eye we wither like graſſe. Which diſcommodities, at what tyme we call to remembraunce, let them (we humbly require thee) ſtyre vp in vs an occaſion of learning and wiſedome, ſo that we may vnderſtand and right well perceyue howe vnworthie wee are (in reſpect of our ſelues) to inioy thy louing fauour, and contrariwiſe, how great thy benigne clemencie is towardes vs, by the which (we hartily beſeech thee) to turne thy fauourable countenaunce vpon vs, in ſhewing that we are thy workemanſhip, as we be in deede. Let thy excellent brightneſſe lighten our blind mindes in ſuch ſort,

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that oure dædes neuer swarue from the marke of thy excéeding great glorie, thorowe Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xcj. Psalme.

A prayer in temptation and perils, for deliuerance & preseruation.

WHosoeuer dependeth wholye vpon God, so that he accompteth him to be his sure defence & most strong holde, he nædeth not to feare any calamitie, no layings awayte, nor finally to dread any distresse. For God no lesse defendeth his seruauntes, then the hennes do their chickens at what time they hide them vnder their winges, or that the Souldiours defende and couer themselues in battaile with their shielde and target. For can pestilence, plague, calamitie, or wasting, terrefie those which beleue faythfully in God? Nothing truely shall make them afrayde? For although Sathan and all the vngodly worke most græuous and pernicious thinges agaynst him, yet hath God committed his welfare to an innumerable company of Aungels, through whose conduct and protection he is not onely defended, but caried also on their handes and shoulders,

ſhoulders, that he daſhe not agaynſt hurtfull things. There is no power in the moſt cruell beaſtes, but is troden vpon and beaten downe vnder his feete. If we therefore ſtand nowe in much feare of the wicked, it is a plaine token that we haue ſmall confidence and little truſt in thee, by reaſon of which dull and weake fayth, we are become ſo pliable to an innumerable ſort of ſinnes, as by our backſlydinges from thee, we prouoke thy greeuous wrath continually agaynſt vs. Wherefore our hartie requeſt is, that (according to thy accuſtomed goodneſſe) thou wouldeſt in ſuch wiſe pardon whatſoeuer we haue verye lewdly committed againſt thee, and make vs hereafter moſt earneſt louers of thy diuine Maieſtie, that we may in right perfect fayth, haue thy glorious name and dignitie in wonderfull admiration, and cauſe our prayer not to be vnfruitfull before thee, whereunto we humbly beſeech thy infinit goodneſſe, that thou wouldeſt make aunſwere according to our demaund. And finally be preſent to the feruent peticions and troubleſome matters of thy bleſſed Church, thorowe Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

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An other prayer out of the same psalme.

SUch as repose their whole trust and confidence in thee onely (O almightie God) haue put themselues vnder the shadowe of thy assuraunce and fortresse of thy moste strong defence, where they may be in safety from all the assaultes of the enimies, and preserued from euery pernicious thing that may annoy them. When as wicked men (being vndoubtedly members of the deuill and his Catchpolles) shall practise any euil thing agaynst them, they shall at no tyme be left destitute of Gods assured helpe and faythfull promise, for he wil quickly defend them as a mighty strong shield. And when most grieuous temptations, which happen dayly, doe rage on euery side, whereby an infinite number of mortal men fall downe headlong into euerlasting damnation: what soeuer they are which haue assured themselues in their heartes and prayed vnto the Lord: thou art my God, and thou art the thing I onelye trust in: euill shall in no wise happen vnto these kinde of men, but they shall remaine stedfast and without

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feare when others fal and come to naught. He will not onely deliuer them from troublesome mishaps by the handes of blessed Aungels, but also there shall be no beastes so venemous & outragious that may hurt them any thing at all. And therefore wee humbly require thee (O excellent father) to vouchsafe that we may not be secluded frō partaking of so great good things, but that we maye in such wise loue thee, and so repose our whole trust in thy diuine Maiesty, as wee maye seeke none other refuge and pillar to stande by, but thee onely, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xcij. Psalme.

A prayer against the persuasion of such as woe haue iustification to proceede of good woorkes.

WE are then slacke in celebrating thy glorious name (O almighty God) when as we forget thy wōderfull woorkes, which, so sone as we diligently consider, and thinke more attentiuely of, they shall by and by cheere vs exceedingly, and consequently inforce a great strength and efficacie in vs touching the setting forth of thy worthie prayses. But such truely are very foolishe and dull

fighted, who eyther do not waye them, or elſe are nothing moued therewith: theyr eyes therefore are ſore blinded, becauſe they ſée the matters of the vngodly to haue good ſucceſſe and go long vnpuniſhed. But theſe maner of men ought to conſider that for this purpoſe thou wouldeſt doe thus with the wicked, becauſe they might be the more ſorowfull to ſée their flouriſhing eſtate ſodainly altered, yea, and that in a tyme vnlooked for, who (after they haue walked in the ſhadowe of felicitie) maye runne into méere and aſſured calamitie, and ſuch verily as is euerlaſting, and hath no end, when as the iuſt men (like the Ceder and Palme trée) inioy the ſincere and euerlaſting good things in the bleſſed habitation of the heauens. We humbly beſéech thée (O excellent father) to cheriſhe and comfort this hope in vs, to the intent we maye right well perceyue, that thou art both good and iuſt, and alſo doeſt publiſhe vnto all creatures that there is no vnrighteouſneſſe in thy noble iudgement, through Jeſus Chriſt ours Lorde. Amen.

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¶ A prayer out of the. xciij. Psalme.

A prayer for the establishment of christes kingdome.

WHen as wée right well consider (O moste migotie God) that the worlde was made of thee to abide exceeding firme and vnmouable, who doest gouerne the same with so great constancie and in such perfect order, as wée verily know thy excellencie, might, and noble power thereby. Wherefore wée take heart to vs, and perswade our selues most assuredly, that thy louing promises shall be of no lesse assurance to sticke vnto, then the nature of things teacheth vs, that thy glorious kingdome is both strong and vnmouable. Although therefore the cruell enimies of our saluation doe vaunt themselues agaynst vs, fret exceedingly, & continually dashe vs togither with the sourges of their prefulnesse and grieuous temptations, and rise vp against vs like huge waters, and tempestuous seas, yet our assured hope is that thou wilt defende vs with thy inuincible power and exceeding great might. Vouchsafe therefore, that both this fayth maye alwayes bee printed in ours

mindes, and also that thy good and notable promises which thou hast made vnto thy blessed Churche, maye not onely come to passe, but also (being bestowed vpon it) may long tyme be preserued in the same, so that thy moste famous goodnesse and vnspeakeable mercie maye be published more and more throughout the vniuersal worlde, by Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xciiij. Psalme.

A prayer against our enimies, deceyptfull teachers, & cruel taunts.

THe presumption and slatelinesse of sinners (O moste mightye God) is wonderfull, for it doth not onely teare in peeces the feeble, and grinde to powder the weaklinges, but also bringeth them in the end to such madnesse, as they iudge their wickednesse and greeuous offences which they haue most lewdly committed, to be hid and vnknowne vnto thee. Vouchsafe therefore that this kinde of folishnesse maye be farre from oure thoughts, and graunt that we may be moste assuredly perswaded, ỹ thou hauing made the eare, fourmed the eye, and giuen vnto men the power and habilitie of vnderstanding,

ding, art ignorant of nothing which is done by vs in earth: but rule and order vs so in the meane season, as we may not only escape and flie from the everlasting and perpetuall destructions which are prepared for the vngodlye, but also inioy the moste high quietnesse & perpetuall felicitie which thou hast vouchedsafe to bestow vpon thy faythfull seruaunts. If thou verily be not present, hauing the helpe alwayes prepared and in a readinesse, wherewith thou mayest mightily defend vs, we shall easily fall into those mischieues which hang ouer our heades. Be thou (we humbly beseech the) our Castle, fortresse, & strong shielde of defence, least we seeme to haue vainely reposed our whole trust and confidence in thee onely, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xcv. Psalme.

FOrsomuch as (O moste mightie God) thou art our saluation and strength, it is meete we shoulde prayse thy glorious name to the vttermost of our powers: and to the intent

A prayer for true fayth.

we may the more orderly doe the same, we first and formost come vnto thee with harty cõfession of our heinous sinnes. Whereas thou hast (of thy infinite goodnesse, and not for oure merites sake) chosen vs to be thy blessed people & sheepe of thy pasture, as hauing no neede of our seruice at all, forsomuche as thou art the great king aboue all Gods, in whose hand be not onely the earth and exceeding high Mountaynes, but also the heauens and all creatures: we haue grieuously offended thee diuers and sundrie wayes, hardning our sinfull hearts at thy fatherly admonicions, who haue very readily fainted in temptation, our mind hath folwed erred, and we haue alwayes (by reason of our lewde sinnes and moste wicked desertes) become burdenous and mercylous troublesome vnto thee. For which cause thou hast at this tyme raysed vp so prowd and cruel enimies against vs, by whom we are brought into great perill and daunger: neuertheleſſe acknowledging howe vnrighteouſlye we haue dealt, wee knowe for a certaintie that beſides thy infinite goodneſſe and mercy, there remayneth none other defence for vs. Wherfore with

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these our feruent prayers and earnest supplications we prease into thy sight or euer we perishe, requiring thée not to grinde vs vnto powder in thy most greuous wrath: take away the heynous sinnes (we humbly beseech thée) wherewith we and our fathers haue greatly tempted thée, and prouoked thy beauie displeasure agaynst vs. Call to remembraunce that thou art oure mightie God, valiaunt king, and louing shepherd. Therfore mightily preserue, valiantly kepe, and noblye defende vs from those that hate thée no lesse then they do vs: sucker them not (according to ỹ lust of their crueltie) vtterly to destroy the worke of thy blessed handes which thou hast begunne passing well in vs, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

Thy excellent Maiestie and inuincible power (O most good and mercifull god) is of such force, as euery where it excelleth and beareth dominion moste amplye and without desert, but seeing that all thinges as well high as lowe were made by thée,

there is nothing to be found eyther hidden in the depth of the earth, or set vppe in the heigth of the mountaynes, whereof thou wert not the author and first founder: for which cause we iustly desire to shewe forth thy worthy prayse. To the furtherannce hereof also maketh this, that thou art our onely stay, and we as thy blessed flocke and sheepe of thy pasture appertain and belong vnto thée onely. Therefore doe we greatly worship, humbly reuerence, duely honor, & right earnestly cal vpon thy most fauorable Godhead, requiring this especially, that thou suffer not our heart (which of nature is disposed vnto euill) to be hardned at thy friendly admonitions. Make the same soft (we hartily pray thée) with the inspiration of thy good grace and holye spirite, neyther suffer vs to striue and struggle against thy blessed commaundementes, like vnto the stifnecked Iewes, who woulde so often tymes put thée to the tryall of thy mightye power: but seeing it was not their hap to inioy thy promised land, graunt (for thy infinite mercies sake) that we may at length be permitted to enter into the hauen of eternall felicitie after our long and dayly

trauaile, through Jesus Christ our Lorde, Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xcvj. Psalme.

A prayer of thankes giuing for Christs benefites bestowed vpon vs.

WE are admonished for diuers and sundrie causes (O most mighty God) greatly to magnifie thee, and highly to sanctifie thy holy name. But able we are not thus to doe, vnlesse the heynous sinnes wherewith we are miserably oppressed, be first put away and driuen farre from vs. We haue receyued at thy mercifull handes (through the preaching of thy blessed Gospell) the most noble and excellent gift of saluation, but we haue hitherto led our life so coldly therein, and wrought so contrary to our vocation, in neglecting and dispising thy sacred commaundements, that needfull it was in the ende for the calamities which we now suffer, to incounter with oure lewdnesse, and that thou shouldest extende thy furious wrath vpon vs, by these moste greuous perilles, being moued and prouoked thereto through oure wicked desertes and naughtie behauiour. Notwithstanding (O

good God) haue no regard at all to our merites, but rather see to this, that thy famous glorie may be greatly published amongest the heathen, and thy wonderfull workes made manifest vnto all people. Both thy aduersaries and ours also repose their whole affiaunce in worldly strength and cursed Idolatrie, who would inforce vs to yéld such honor vnto Antichrist as they do: whereas we contrarywise acknowledge thée to be a great and terrible Lorde aboue all Goddes. Wherefore we earnestly call vpon thy excellent Maiestie, and in these daungerous daies flie vnto thy mercy seat, requyring pardon for our heynous sinnes, and that thou wouldest shewe howe vaine our enimies goddes be. Judge (O good god) the aduersaryes of thy true worshippe, and enimies of thy sacred Gospell, so that thou (as right méete it is) mayst reigne & beare dominion ouer the heathen. Stretche out thy inuincible power, thy puyssaunt glory, and thy renowmed magnificence (O good God) for our spedy deliuerance, who being deliuered from so many and great inconueniences, maye render vnto thée due oblations of heartie prayses. Cause thy glo-

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rious name to be well spoken off in euery place, and let all men honor and reuerence thy diuine Maiestie with moste pure and perfect deuotion, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

Thy benefites (O almightie God) are not only bestowed vpon vs cõtinually, but also after a newe and vnaccustomed maner do spring vp freshe from time to tyme: wherefore (vnlesse we will be marueylous vngratefull) they deserue that we should, euermore magnifie the same with newe prayses and pleasaunt songes. Such is thy magnificencie and vnspeakeable power, whose bewtie and Maiesty is so great, that thou doest surmount beyonde all measure, what Godhed or Deitie soeuer mẽ could at any time deuise to themselues. Graũt therfore that whensoeuer we go about duely to honor & reuerently to worship thee, we may cheerfully offer vp our selues & al that euer we haue to thy incõprehensible glorye, so ỹ we may preache thy glorious kingdome to all nations, not onely with wordes, but in vertuous lyfe and holy conuersation, to the

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intent euery man maye right well knowe and perceyue that like as thou hast created vs and the whole vniuersall worlde, so also shall we and all thinges be repayred againe, throughe Jesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the.xcvij. Psalme.

A praier that we may appeare in the day of iudgement, with a pure & chearfull heart.

THou thy selfe (O moste mightye God) which art the author of full ioy and perfect gladnesse, art also indued with exceding syueritie and dreadfull power, which thy properties thou bestowest vpon man, according to thy infinite iustice and righteousnesse. We therefore our earnest request is, ỹ thou wouldst not burne vs vp with the fire of thy wrathfull indignation, who otherwise (by reason of our heynous sinnes) are worthie of most grieuous punishments, but (according to thy great mercie, and through the merits of thy onely Sonne Jesus Christ our Lorde and sauiour) remit and pardon whatsoeuer we haue lewdly committed agaynst thee: but contrariwise, turne the wrath of thy heauie displeasure vpon thy fierce aduersaryes.

rpes. Let thoſe men be ſet on fire, make them to tremble, let them melt away like wax at the ſight of thy bright countenance. But let vs (being reſtored and reformed in a new kind of life by thy bleſſed ſpirit) ſæle in our ſelues, and ſet out thy noble iuſtice ſuch wiſe vnto them, as all people maye right wel perceyue the ſame. For although we haue greatly and verye muche ſtraied from thy holy will reuealed vnto vs in the ſacred ſcriptures, we are not withſtanding heartily ſorye for our lewde deſerts, and be verye deſirous to make thy glorious renowme exceeding famous. Let not therfore this our aſſured hope and feruent deſire be made fruſtrate: put them to confuſion who beleue nothing at all in thée, but haue an infinite number of Idols, wherein they put their whole truſt, wherevnto they ſhewe much worſhip, mercyeplous great honour, and wonderfull obedience. And finally graunt this thing alſo, that ſuche as thou haſt regenerated and quickned with thy bleſſed ſpirit, may vtterly deteſt ſinne, and whatſoeuer fighteth or is repugnant to thy holy will. Afterward take the ſoules of thy faythfull ſeruauntes out of wicked mens

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handes, and when we be throughly delyuered from them, cause vs not onely to reioyce with great gladnesse, but make thy healthfull light of saluation to shine vpon all that are thine, whereby they may be conuerted vnto thee, and celebrate thy worthie memoriall with perpetuall prayses, throughe the selfe same Jesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

SEing it is thou (O almightie God) that rulest farre and neere, and mightily gouernest all things, there is nothing in the whole worlde but ought to be exceeding glad thereof: for like as thy glorious kingdome (which is the chiefest thing to be desired) is most gorgeously decked with iustice and equitie, euen so is there such strength and puyssaunce grafted in the same, as no crafty deuices, and subtile practises can preuaile agaynst it, but that (whatsoeuer thou hast with a most rightful counsaile and singuler iustice decreed vpon) shall be brought to good ende. We earnestly require thee therefore that as the earth, heauen, and vniuersall

niuerſall worlde are moſt euident witneſſes of thy vnſpeakeable wiſedome and ſinguler iuſtice, ſo the truth and ſincere worſhipping of thee may appeare in thy bleſſed Church, where all men maye heartily reioyce togither, becauſe ſuperſticious and corrupt Religions are altogither banyſhed. Let them be ioyfull in this behalfe which purely and with feruent zeale do vnfeynedly loue and honor God: whome finally (we humblye beſeeche) to augment the light of our mindes, and that we maye with an exceeding pleaſant cheerefulneſſe, reioyce in the ſacred Congregation of thy bleſſed Saintes, for the vnſpeakeable benefites he hath beſtowed vpon vs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

FOrſomuch as all thy iudgementes (O moſt good and mercifull God) doe ſhine forth with perfect equitie and right by iuſtice, we ought therefore to be exceeding glad and very ioyfull. For although thy faithfull ſeruants be punished for a while ſo lõg as they are in this wretched life, yet the

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time will one day come, when thou by fire and with the clere lightsome presence of thy diuine Maiestie shalt iudge the world, rewarding euery man vprightly according to his deserts. Then shall the very heauens shewe forth thy righteousnesse, and al men compelled whether they will or no, to say that thou art most iust: and then also shall thy blessed Church be filled with true and perfect ioy. Seing that therefore the matter standeth thus so long as we are here straūgers from thee, cause light to rise in vs, and a spirituall reioycing with creading purenesse of heart, whereby we may sincerely and after a due maner ioy in thee onely, so that one of vs maye allwayes put an other in remembraunce not to bee forgetfull to publish thy vnspeakable holinesse, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. xcviij. Psalme.

A prayer for the fauour of Christ through his glorious resurrection.

THou hast shewed oftentimes that saluation belongeth vnto thee only (O moste mightie God) for the doing and accomplishing whereof thou hast no nede of any creatures assistaunce.

taunce. Thou shewedst marueylous wonders in our fathers dayes, and diddest often preserue them with thy onely right hande and blessed arme: for thou hast in such wise extended thy readie helpe towards them, ỹ thy excellent mercy & vnspeakable goodnes became manifest to al nations. Seing that therfore thou hast not hitherto bene forgetful of thy faithfull promises, but rather hast alwayes assisted thy beloued seruants, whē soeuer they stode in nede of a deliuerer: wherdpō they thought thy glorious name was to be extolled & praysed all maner of wayes, so much as in them lay, both with heart, voyce, trumpets, harpes, shawmes, and sundrie ditties of songes: we therfore thy faythfull people doe in like sort pray at this present, that thou hidest not thy selfe from vs in this time. Thou truely art not ignorant how many and howe great the perils are, which do greeuously molest vs. And so long as we do wey the case by our owne deserts, they seeme to be more hard and greeuous vnto vs then we be able in any wise to beare: for we haue sinned in such wise agaynst thee, so impudētly transgressed thy sacred lawes, and so often playd

the rebelles agaynſt thy diuine Maieſtie, that if thou ſhouldeſt reward vs accoꝛding to our lewde lyfe and filthie condicions, we may be euen in vtter diſpayꝛe of our ſaluation. But we do greatlye with much feruencie labour to obteyne this at thy fauourable handes, both that thou wouldſt deale with vs accoꝛding to thy accuſtomed maner, by foꝛgiuing the penitent, pardoning their heynous offences which inceſſauntly call vpon thy bleſſed name, and being merciſull vnto ſuch as faythfully truſt in thee. And alſo that of thy ſinguler iuſtice and excellent clemencie, thou wouldſt mightily deliuer vs, after a puyſſaunt maner maintaine vs, and defend vs with an inuincible foꝛce, from the moſt cruell enimies of thy bleſſed name, thoꝛough Jeſus Chriſt oure Loꝛd. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

ALL mankind in generall (O moſt mightie God) are bounde to pꝛayſe and ſette foꝛth thy bleſſed name excedingly, foꝛ the notable benefits thou beſtoweſt vpō them, and moſt eſpecially, foꝛ that thou haſt deliuered

uered vs from euerlasting death by the helpe of none other creature, but onelye throughe the sole oblation of thy alone and moste dearly beloued Sonne: insomuch as we may rightly saye, that thou onely defendest vs with thy holy arme and puissant right hande. Thou hast verye certainlye shewed howe mindfull, and what a good kéeper thou art of faythfulnesse and goodnesse, which the whole endes of the earth and all mortal creatures may assuredly sée and right well perceyue by our redemption: but we be so dull, rude, and blockishe, that we haue in a maner lost the whole perceyueraunce of so noble and great liberalitie, the fault whereof we must impute to our heynous wickednesse and mischieuous déedes. Wherefore, with a mightye lamentation and verye sorowfull crie, wée doe earnestly call vpon thy inestimable mercie to forgiue whatsoeuer wée haue moste grieuously committed agaynst thée, and to take from thy blessed Churche the occasions of so great sorow. For whilest we knowe godlinesse and religion to hang in so great distresse, we can in no wise sing vnto thée with heart and voyce

as we ought to do, or prouoke all creatures through oure great ioye, to vnspeakeable gladnesse. We do nowe earnestly require thee to come and iudge the case of thy faithfull people. Rayse vp and sustaine with thy iudgement such as mourne, and comfort the afflicted, that thy equitie and iustice (wherein thou doest much excell all others) may moste manifestly shewe forth it selfe, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the .xcix. Psalme.

A prayer for the iustification of fayth, agaynst the righteousnes of workes.

IT is truly an exceeding great ioye of thy glorious kingdom that thou (moste mightye God) dost in the defence of the Godly, and ouerthrowing of the enuious and rebellious people, which our fathers haue oftentimes had tryall of. Whereby we doe most certainly beleue and earnestly confesse, that so long as thou dost fauour thy faythfull seruannts, the courages, minds, and strength of these that assault them, yea and the very earth also doth quaile: seing therfore that thy puyssaunce and strength is so great in the Church, let thy mightye power (we be

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seech thee) disquiet and trouble all nations which would quite subuert and vtterly ouerthrow thy glorious kingdome. And as thy puyssaunt force and mightie strength surmounteth all Gods and kings, euen so nowe shew thy selfe a terrible and fearefull GOD for the preseruation of thy blessed Church. It is verily not vnbeknowne vnto vs, that thou louest iudgement, and decydest mens causes vprightly. We heartily require thee therefore to vouchsafe, that (when as our iniquities which we have committed prouoke thee to extend thy seueritie vpon vs) thou wouldst turne thy eyes from these things, and bend them wholy vpon Jesus Christ our saviour, who is for vs in the stead of Aaron, Moses, Samuell, and a true Bishop. Be mindfull of the prayer, sacrifice, bloud and teares which he shed for vs vpon the Alter of the Crosse. Admit, we have committed an infinite number of naughty facts, yet remember that we throwe him doe call vpon thy blessed name, pardon therefore, forgiue, and vtterly remit our heynous transgressions, and make no variance in deliuering vs from these exceeding great and daungerous perils, so that

we may leade our lyfe with an vncorrupt heart towards thee, and exalt thy glorious name, euen as it right wel deserueth, with such prayses as maye pearce the heauens; through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

ALthough the vngodly (O moste mightie God) seeme to ruffle sometime so greatly, as they turne all things vpside downe, yet there is no cause why ỹ faythful should be greatly afrayde, forasmuch as thou hast taken the gouernement of all worldlye things into thy mightie protection, and guydest with thy excellent wisdome the state of the whole worlde: for whosoeuer they be which are assuredlye perswaded in this poynt, they leaue feare for such as be otherwise minded, while they themselues (being fully replenished with pure ioy and perfect gladnesse) doe extoll thee with vncessaunt prayses to the vttermoste of their powers, and shewe forth thy famous glorie by all meanes that can be deuised: vnto whom we also annex our indeuours with an exceeding thereefull courage, and also humbly

humbly require thée in our most feruent cryes and earnest petitions, that as thou shewedst thy selfe gentle and treatable vnto Moses, Aaron, Samuell, and the remnaunt of thy most faythfull priestes, when they did inuocate & call vpon thy glorious name: giue eare in likewise to vs at thys present, & defend thy sacred Church (which now standeth in great néede of thy mighty assistance, if euer it wanted the same) no lesse with thy diuine presence, good counsel, holye spirite and grace, then thou diddest help our fathers in times past with a piller of fire, with clowdes in the Sea, and in the most wide and large wildernesse, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. C Psalme.

Verily thy excéeding great honour (O most mightie God) and notable benefites bestowed vpon vs, require this, ẏ we of dutie should come before thy presence with thankes giuing, and magnifying thy blessed name with a notable gladnesse and vnspeakable ioy. There be two thinges chiefly which

A praier that we may in all places both glorifie God, and also confesse him.

seeme to hinder vs from doing thereof: first we are burthened with an innumerable multitude of horrible vices, and so kept downe with sinne, that wee dare scarcely lift vp our eyes vnto thee: furthermore we are by the desert of our owne lewde facts, inuironed in such wise with anguishe and feare of Antichrist, as we are in a maner swalowed vp therewith. For experience teacheth that he is so stirred vp against vs by thy iustice, through our owne wicked behauiour, that (vnlesse thy louing mercy be our readie helper) mannes power and strength shall further vs nothing in this behalfe. First and formost therefore our earnest request is, that thou wouldest take vtterly away from thy faythfull seruaunts, the burthen of wickednesse, and graunt that we may lead a pure and vndefiled life, in stede of such a one as is very lewde and marueylous corrupt. Secondly, that thou wouldst deliuer thy blessed people from the Jawes of the most cruell enimies, whose indeuour is alwayes to bring not only the bodyes and goodes, but also the soules of thy faythfull seruaunts to eternall destruction. Thou that art our God, suffer not

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these things to be done we humbly beseech thee: we are the worke of thy handes, for thou diddest make vs and not we our selues. Seing therefore that we be thy chosen people, & sheepe of thy pasture, be present so to helpe vs both in the outward and inward man, that we may in the end enter the Court of thy diuine presence, by publishing thy vnspeakable goodnesse with high praises, godly Hymnes, & pleasaunt songes, so that assuraunce thereof may be giuen by vs, both to all Nations, and throughout all ages, by Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

WE being greatly assured by the outward testimonie of the sacred scriptures, and inward inspiration of thy blessed spirite (O most good and mercifull God) that thou wilt be fauourable and mercifull vnto vs and all ours, are both filled wyth perfect ioy, and receyue full pleasure. But forsomuche as we right well perceyue by the excellent benefites of fayth, that thou art our founder, by whome we are created and chosen to be thy beloued flocke and peculier people, we can neuer be fully satisfied

due thankes giuing, and remembraunce of thy so great goodnesse. We come and approche vnto thee therefore with vncessaunt prayses and humble supplications, moste earnestly requiring thy diuine Maiestie in oure feruent prayers, to manifest thy glorious name vnto all Nations, and of thy louing kindnesse to set thy sacred Church againe in such blessed felicitie, as all men may right well know and perfectly vnderstand thy clemencie extended towards hir, both for the veritie of the doctrine, and also for liuing and conuersation fully agreeable to the things that are faythfully and truely taught, by Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cj. Psalme.

Prayer for holy life.

THou requirest this especially in such mens liuings as professe thy blessed name and holy Gospell (O most good and mercifull God) that they should lead their life exceeding iustly and with great vprightnesse, and to performe the dedes of charitie towardes their neighbours: which thing seeing the holye Scriptures do euery where beate into vs,

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we vnfeynedly confesse that we haue in no wise perfourmed it, and in this behalfe wee acknowledge before thy diuine Maiestie, our grieuous wickednesse & moste wrongfull dealings, and the colde zeale we haue had towardes thy holy Church and blessed people: praying thee that thou wouldest pardon and remit whatsoeuer we haue hitherto trayterously and rashlye committed agaynst thy sacred commaundements, and graunt that (being inforced therto through the wisedome of thy holy spirite) we maye beginne an innocent and blamelesse life: let all wicked deuices be excluded far from our hearts, and cause vs to detest such matters as be repugnant to iustice and equity, so that we may neyther thinke nor yet doe any thing which may be disagreable to thy blessed lawe and good pleasure. Moreouer (we humbly beseech thee) not to forsake thy holy Church in this most troublesom time: for thou both seest and right wel perceiuest, howe the cruell, malicious, and vngodlye Antichristians haue inuaded hir: being so puft vp with pride, & inflamed with furie, scorning as well diuine lawes as humaine with like hatelinesse and equall contempt,

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doing nothing with courtesie and faythfulnesse, but practise to bring all thinges to nought by forged tales, politique deceppts, and very much outrage: wherfore our earnest request is (O god G O D) that thou wouldest make hast to succor thy faythfull people, and destroy with thy puyssant force and mightie power, suche as are wicked, who be no lesse aduersaryes to thy blessed name, then of our peace and quietnesse, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

Another prayer out of the same Psalme.

IT behoueth the Church (O almightye God) which is thy blessed house, to bee decked with all maner of ornaments appertepning to holinesse and vertue, wherof, forsomuch as we see it to bee as now miserably destitute, we humbly beseech thee, who art benenolent, and wisheth hir (as wee doubt not) all good and prosperous things, whom thou especially fauourest according to the meaning of thy louing promises, graūt hir in such wise to be restored, as all thinges may be ordered there by thy spirituall wisdome, and auoyde those ofsences

fences therefro, vnto which euerlasting damnation is due by iustice. Let them depart thence which fall from thée by infidelitie, and are through obstinate wilfulnesse, trapterous rebelles to thy sacred lawe: let backebiters, together with suche as are proude, and those which dare shamelesly presume any thing, bée vtterly rooted out. And cõtrariwise, let there be space in especially for suche as be verye zealous of the truth. Let not these be onely conuersant there before thée, but cause them to feed thy blessed people with a singuler fayth and innocencie, & minister all things diligently vnto them, which be necessary toward saluation. Remoue far from thence, far from them (O excellent father) be all mans inuention and deceyptfull idolatrie, so that finally all Godlinesse maye be vtterly rooted vp from the Congregation of the faythfull, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cij. Psalme.

WE are of our owne selues altogither vnworthie (O most mightie God) that thou shouldest gyue eare

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eare vnto our prayers, seeing we haue euery where transgressed thy sacred lawe and blessed commaundements, and liued erceding dishonestly towards thy holy Gospel, and our vocation. Howbeit, hide thou not away thy face (for thy infinit mercies sake) from our humble petitions & earnest supplications. For we are greuously assayled and sore oppresst with most great perilles. And therefore bowe downe thy fauourable eare vnto vs, and graunt them with spede their desires which inuocate and call vpon thee. First we require to be deliuered from our heynous sinnes and lewde corruptiõs, and let our weake and feble heartes bee strengthned in thy blessed way, and the withered powers of our minde (which are dried vp) watered with the holy Ghost, that we may liue vnto thée, who (being altogither repaired and wholy renued) may cause thy glorious name and sacred Gospell to be well spoken of. This once done, extende thy inuincible power and might vpon such as rayse vp innumerable slaunders and reproches vpon the name of thy Sonne and his holy doctrine. Haue mercy out of hande (we humbly beseech thée) of Sion, that is to say,

say, thy blessed Church, for the time is now come that she standeth in great neede of thy readie helpe. Looke out, we heartily pray thee, from thy high dwelling place, behold our greeuous calamities, and heare they? pitifull cryes which are in great bondes, much beaten, and greeuously tormented to death diuers maner of wayes for thy glorious names sake, by preserruing thy chosen sheepe out of so great daungers, whom the Antichristians doe adiudge not onelye to death, but also to bitter destruction, that thy adopted children maye one time or other lead a peacrable and quiet life before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

THe whole company of thy faithfull people (O most good and mercifull God) do lamentably require thy fauourable helpe, which is cruelly oppressed through the tyrannie of sinne, and the sacred sappe of godlinesse almoste dryed vp in the same, for hir mouth is in a maner so stopped vp that she cannot sing thy worthie prayses, and there remayneth not well neere any member in hir

bir bodie that may execute his office in helping one another. Thou therefore which alwayes florishest frether and frether, rise vp to be our spedie helper, because we haue now thought it highe time for thee to assist thy blessed Church so grieuously afflicted: which thing if thou wilt graunt vs, wee doubt not but the feare of thy glorious name and sincere godlinesse shall bee spred very farre abroade. For if thou wilt deliuer thy faythfull people from so great and mischeeuous daungers, thou shalt teach thereby that thy louing promise remayneth alwayes firme and vnappayred: in such wise, that although the heauen & earth be troubled with wonderfull interchaunges, and be so shaken as they perishe, yet doth the same continue alwayes one towardes thy elect seruaunts, whereby, we heartily beseech thee, to be both preserued, and also set in good estate againe, not according to our owne strength and deserues, but throughe his mercy and gentlenesse effectually working the same, by Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxij. Psalme.

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WE are bounde (O moste mightye God) for thy singuler deserts extended towardes vs, to prayse thée continually, with minde, heart, & all our whole power, rendring condigne thanks vnto thy diuine maiesty, vnlesse we will like vngratefull persons, forget all those thinges which thou hast hitherto bestowed vpō vs. First thou hast frely offred vs forgiuenesse of sinnes, by Christ, and regeneration throughe his precious bloud: herevnto is added doctrine, sacraments, bodily life, and whatsoeuer else appertayneth to the preseruation both of the outwarde and inwarde man. But wee heartily acknowledge that we haue notwithstanding moste filthily abused all these thy excellent benefites, for we haue done nothing faythfully that aunswereth fully to our calling. We nowe therefore do humbly beseech thee to pardon our grieuous offences and lewd behauiour, amending our corrupt maners and the dishonest life which we haue led hitherto. Deale not with vs after our sinnes, neyther reward vs according to our iniquities. Wilt thou (seing that singuler louing kindnesse and mercie preuayleth with thee)

A prayer for a newe life.

bée alwayes reuengeable: or correct and chastice vs in thy furie: Remember that thou art our father, and therefore earnestly do we desire thee to shewe forth a fatherly affection towards such as both honour and worship thee. It is not vnbeknowne to thy diuine Maiestie that we are dust, and (vnlesse thou be present with vs) the vaynest things that euer were made: we are more lither then grasse and flowers. Regard not therefore our lewde and wicked facies, but way rather the league made betwixt thée and vs, and deliuer thy faythfull people from the hands of thy cursed and most mischieuous enimies, so that we may magnifie thy wonderous workes, with the glorious Aungels, and all holy men for euermore, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

MAnnes weake and fæble nature can at no tyme (O almightye GOD) prayse thee according to thy worthinesse: for thou doest not onelye bestowe vppon vs the benefites whereby we both obteyne lyfe, and also doe from

from day to day continue and maintain the same, but thou hast forgiuen thy faythfull people their most grieuous and infinite sinnes, by Christ, which surmounteth al other things that thou hast participated amongst vs, for the which most excellent and notable gift, we yelde thee heartie thankes, although not such as we ought, yet such as we can: and to the intent we may thereby become more thereful in requiring the same; our earnest request is (O excellent Father) that thou wouldest establishe and perpetually maintaine the worde of pure and sincere doctrine in the mouth of thy blessed Church, so that an alteration of hir olde Leuen being made, she may (like the Eagle) from time to time renue hir youth. And like as thou dissembling the sinnes of the Israelites, didst not onely bring them to the dwelling place that thou hadst promised by Moses whom thou hadst taught, but also through the perpetuall benefites of thy excellent mercie bestowed vppon that people didst shewe and manifest, that thy goodnesse, towardes them, surmounted all their mischieuous dedes, no lesse space then the heauens are distant from the earth: bee

thou (which art our father and we thy dere children) moued with mercie towardes vs, who are lyke to be ouerwhelmed wyth darknesse and lewde behauiours, vnlesse thou presently puttest to thy assistant helping hand. Cause vs to finde by proofe that thou hast renued the couenaunt made betwixt thee and vs, and (the same being restored) let vs with all earnestnesse, indeuor our selues to set forth thy blessed lawe and commaundementes in holynesse of life, whereby not onely the earthly Church may render condigne thankes vnto thy vnspeakable goodnesse for our saluation, but also the Aungelles which accomplithe thy holy will with a marueylous cheerefulnesse may do the same, through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Ciiij. Psalme.

A praier that we may vse the creatures of God in such sort as we are willed.

EVery creature doth abundauntlye shew forth vnto vs thy inuincible force, splendant bewtie, and famous glorie (O most mighty god) inasmuch as we see that all things doe adorne thee with their whole power & might, obeying

obeying not onely thy ſacred wordes, but euen thy very beckes alſo: it behoueth vs in like ſort to be likewiſe affectioned, ſeeing that thou haſt created all things chiefly to our profite and ſinguler commoditie. For we certainly know and right well perceiue howe the earth doth continually yeld fruit for our ſuſtentation, and how we be helped with the welles, cloudes, beaſtes, raine, herbes, corne, wine, oyle, and all kinde of foode: but our nature is ſo blinde, corrupt, and defiled, that the more we are bounde to thee for thy exceeding great benefites, ſo much the ſtubburnlier ſwarue we from thy ſacred wordes and bleſſed will. Wherefore our earneſt requeſt is, that thou wouldeſt (for thy infinite mercies ſake) pardon whatſoeuer we haue hitherto committed againſt thy diuine Maieſtie, and vouchſafe vs to depend ſolye vpon thee, will we or nill we, touching our bodily foode, ſo ỹ alſo our whole motions, ſtrength, counſels and workes be faſtned onely vpon thy excellent goodneſſe. Moreouer, we humbly beſeech thee, not to turne thy face awaye from vs in theſe our dayes, whereas otherwiſe we ſhall be ſore troubled, giue vp the ghoſt, and be brought

to nothing. Thou haſt (O good God) diuers meanes and ſundrie wayes to deſtroy thy miſchieuous enimies: who vſeſt the moſte violent windes, lightnings, and flames of fire, in ſtæde of thy meſſengers, for if thou doeſt looke downe vpon the earth, it trembleth by and by, and if thou touchest ỹ mountaynes, they ſmoke ſtraight wayes. Slay thou therefore the wicked Antichriſtians, in ſuch wiſe, as they may no more remaine: and let peace and tranquillitie be ſo giuen to thy bleſſed Church, that ſhe may ioyfully ſing, and pleaſantly ſhewe forth thy moſte worthie prayſes, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

IT is not vnbeknowne to thy faythfull people (O moſt mightie God) that thou haſt created all things from the beginning to the behoſe of thy elect ſeruaunts. Therefore like as we ſee the whole worlde which thou haſt made to be garniſhed with wonderfull and moſt bewtifull ornamentes: ſo (we humbly beſeeche thee) to lighten and poliſhe thy bleſſed Church in ſuche wiſe (which

(which is the congregation of such as shall be saued) that thy glorie maye no lesse appeare in hir then in the whole worlde: let the pure light of thy sacred wordes shine especially therein, which maye cause the mightie power and inuincible force of thy Spirite to worke more effectually in oure heartes, and make the constancie in fayth of the beleuers, so great as they may be more stedfast then the masse of the earth, or foundations and pillers of the worlde. Driue from thence at the rebuke of thy puyssance, daungerous temptations, the hurtfulnesse of hell, and the prince of darknesse: and contrariwise in stede of them, let the inspiration of thy most swéete spirite succéede like springs of liuing water, and let not perpetuall foode bée wanting to our weaknesse, wherewith to fede it. But let there be a fortresse in the confidence of thy glorious name, for vs to retire vnto: and like as in thy blessed creatures is great abundance of light, whether it be in the starres, or in the sundrie variety of beasts, herbes, & stones, so we humbly beséech thée, to garnishe and bewtifie thy holy Church with the brightnesse of all vertues, through Jesus Christ

our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

ALL creatures which thou hast created (O most good and mercifull God) are witnesses, by their greatnesse and most exquisite ornaments, with what a wonderfull wisdome and invincible power thou flourishest: there is nothing but it dependeth wholy vppon thée, for what things soeuer haue life, are fed by the foode which thou giuest them, and from such as thou hidest the sight of thy louing countenaunce, they are not able any longer to indure but die incontinent whensoeuer they be depriued of thy spirit. Forsomuch as therfore (O excellent father) thou art so good and mighty in working, euen towards those things chiefly which thou hast ordeyned to be farre inferiour to man, wée humbly beséech thée to extend thy fauourable clemencie no lesse towards thy blessed Church. Shée verily is thy owne worke, wherefore reioyce and delight therein, and (of thy exceeding bigbe prouidence) cause thy maiesty to shew forth it selfe in hir most euidently, whereby wée

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may alwayes both ioyntly amongest our selues haue most pleasaunt wordes concerning thy blessed wil, and also magnifie thée with perpetuall prayses, forsomuch as thou hast taken all vncleanesse quite from hir, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cv. Psalme.

A prayer that we be not ignorant of the works of our redemption

Thy marueylous and vnspeakable workes (O heauenly father) doe much counsaile vs, and thy commaundements earnestly teach vs, to search for thy louing countenaunce with a most pure worship and faythfull inuocation in thy holy congregations, by calling this to mind and remembraunce, that thou art our mercifull God, who hast made vs the true Israell by Christ, and sonnes of thy most famous seruaunt Abraham, thorow fayth. Take away therefore from vs (we humbly beséche thée) our heynous sinnes and all vncleanesse of life, to the intent we may according to our boũden dutie, séeke thée & come before thy diuine presence. We acknowledge our selues to haue hitherto most grieuously offended thée both

in minde and voyce, and vnlesse thou makest haste to helpe vs, our sinnes will cast vs downe into the deepe. For (euen according to our iust deserts) the outragious enimies of thy blessed name, are raysed vp and haue mightily preuayled agaynst vs, who dayly strengthen themselues agaynst thy sonne our Lord and sauiour Iesus Christ. We know right wel ỹ (by reason of the life which we haue hitherto liued repugnant to thy glorious name and our profession) all these most grieuous euilles haue happened to thy sacred Church. But our earnest request is that thou wouldest be mindefull of thy faythfull couenaunt, wherein thou promisest that we should be the mæting line of thy blessed heritage: for thy couenant is not transitorie, but perdurable. Thou hast bled at other tymes to chastice kinges that they should not hurt thy elect people, who doest preserue and defende thy blessed seruaunts inhabiting here vpon the earth, so often as it is thy holye will and pleasure. The Heauen, Elements, and all creatures haue serued thee as souldiours in Egypt for the deliueraunce of thy faythfull people. As thou therefore wert not then forgetfull of

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thy sacred couenaunt, so shewe thy selfe mindfull thereof at this present: for wicked men, the deuill, and Antichrist, practise by all the meanes they can possible imagine and deuise to swallow vs vp. Wherefore remue thou thy wonderfull workes in vs, O mightie God, who (being altogither voyde of helpe) require thee to hide vs vnder thy mercifull winges, and spread them so ouer vs, as thou mayest not onely bee our defender, but cause vs to leade a quiet and peaceable life towards thee, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

SEing that the godly (O almightie God) can not haue an excellenter and more noble desire, then vnfeynedly to remember thy marueylous and exceeding great actes, by celebrating the same bothin worde and most exquisite commendations, being now folowers of the fayth of Abraham, and children not degenerate from the auncient holy fathers, members of Christ, and instructed by the traditions of his blessed Apostles, do call to remembraunce how vnutterably thou

thou hast kept the sacred couenaunt which thou madest with thy holye Church from the beginning. Thy sure protection & most strong defence hath bene alwayes meruelous readie to helpe thy elect seruaunts at what time they reposed their whole trust in thy vnspeakable mercie, and when thou tookest vpon thee to be their strong helper and mightie deliuerer, no man could in any wise hurt them. Moreouer when thou didst strike the whole world by any calamitie, with thy seuere iustice, or didst trouble it with scarcitie of foode and lacke of vittailes, al that (so much as it was) turned at length to thy singuler welfare and famous glorie of the people of Israell. We being greatly admonished by these thinges, are of verye good comfort, who come humbly vnto thy diuine Maiestie, and hartily pray thee that thou wouldest be no lesse mindfull of thy holy couenant towards thy blessed church at this daye then thou wert in olde time. For thou seest howe many discommodities do on euery side assaile hir and besiege it about: we humbly beseech thee (O excellent father) who alone canst doe this, to commaũd all those things either to fade away,

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or else graunt them power to pourge vs of our lewde condicions, through Jesus christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

OUr earnest request is (O most good and mercifull God) that thou wouldst augment the felowship of thy dere children (as well in nũber as also in faith) & all other ornaments of thy excellent grace. And like as thou hast giuẽ Aaron to be a most faythfull pastor of thy children of Israell when they grew to be a very great people, so now also prepare godly, learned, and wise Ministers for thy sacred Church, by whose good behauiour the Egypt of our men maye fade away, and let the doctrine wherewith we be instructed by them, be kindled dayly more and more in vs, so that euery one of vs may be inriched most abundantly both with spirituall goods, and spirituall fruites. Suffer vs not (O excellent father) to be at any time destitute of the bright light of thy sacred word, and guyding of the holy ghost, whereas otherwise we shall both miserably stray in the Wildernesse of this miserable lyfe,

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and also perishe exceding vnfortunately, that when as innumerable perils of temptations hang ouer thy faythfull seruaunts, let them not want the strength of thy good grace and louing fauour, wherby they may be able (so long as life indureth) to set out thy glorious kingdome vnto many, and finallye obteyne at thy louing handes the dwelling place of perpetuall felicitie, throwe Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

SEing that the holy scriptures make not mencion, without iust cause, of the childzen of Israels vngratitude and rebellion agaynst God (for they were alwayes troublesome to him by reason of their complaints) we humbly beseeche thee, O heauenly father, so to rule & gouerne vs with thy vnspeakable mercy and fatherly louing kindnesse, that we be not found like vnto them. They did lately and very readily forget thy wonderfull workes, whereby thou deliueredst them from bondage: then they trusted in straunge Gods: they were defiled with fleshly pleasures; and finally did both

both dispise the amiable lande which thou promisedst them, & also polluted themselues with most greeuous and shamefull offences. For the which notable and greeuous sinnes, thou hast oftentymes chastised them with a fatherly discipline, but yet (such was thy vnspeakable goodnesse) thou wert neuer forgetful of thy couenant made with their forefathers. Euen so, we humbly beseeche thee (O good God) to chasten and correct thy blessed Churche (when it doth now and then slide very sore) with thy accustomed mercifulnesse, and fauourable louing kindnesse, sauing the right of the euerlasting couenaunt, which thou hast renued with vs through the death of thy onely beloued Iesus Christ our Lord, who liueth & reigneth with thee euermore worlde without ende. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

Thy vnspeakeable goodnesse is such (O most mightie God) towards the congregation of thy faythfull seruaunts, that loke whatsoeuer thou hast done hitherto for setting thy faythfull people at libertie, the same

same also might she now both hope for, and also assure hir selfe of, if she had abidden in the couenant that she made with thee. For euen as the persecutors of the Israelites were sore vexed & at length oppressed through thy mightie power: so in likewise (when it shall seeme good vnto thee) let all such as be enimies to thy sacred Church and veritie, be consumed with the force of thy inuincible spirite. We now therefore require this especially at thy mercifull hands, that thou wouldst (so long as we be straungers from thee in this wretched lyfe, and are compassed about on euery side with an infinit nũber of perils) lighten the night of our darknesse with the bright fire of thy blessed spirite, and vouchsafe to mittigate the heate of our manifold temptations, with the most sweete clowde of thy benigne grace, whereby we may so purely and with such safetie finishe our iourney through the deserts of this sinfull lyfe, as in the ende we may reioyce, for being come vnto thee with pourged minds into euerlasting tabernacles, through Iesus christ our Lord. Amen.

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An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

OUr fayth (O most good and mercifull God) is more feble and weake then it ought to be, whereof it commeth that wee sinne oftentymes with our fathers, whilest that we do not faythfully trust to thy blessed promises: but as thou (who art God) hast not dealt with the children of Israell according to their infidelitie and vnbeliefe, but didst deliuer them with a strong arme and most puyssaunt power from the bondage of the Egyptians, euen so we humbly beseech thee to be in suche wise present with vs by vanquishing & beating downe the greeuous sinnes whereby we are led into captiuitie, as thou hast drowned the Egyptians in the depth of the Sea, to the intent that we being moued with ỹ feeling of this thy vnspeakeable goodnesse, maye haue a more firme and constant fayth, nothing pampering our lustes in passing thorowe the desert of this wretched life, least we also in like maner kindle not thy heauy displeasure agaynst vs, as did the Israelits who prouoked thy wrathfull indignation

agaynst thē, through their sundrie naughtie and lewde desires. Let vs (we heartily pray thée) haue their penalties and punishments alwayes before our eyes, who being admonished by other mens perils and mischiefe, may behaue our selues warelier and with more wisedome in thy blessed house, which is thy sacred Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the Cvj. Psalme.

A prayer for perfect confession, & that grace which God hath inued vs W, aye haue uch rule uer vs.

WE are all greatly bound to magnifie thy blessed name so much as in vs lyeth (O moste excellent God) for thy singuler goodnesse and euerlasting mercie, who hast very often shewed the vnspeakeable force of thy puyssant strength for thy faythfull peoples deliuerance, the like we nowe doe humblie beséech thée to visite and comfort thy afflicted Church withall, which nowe is little better then opprest with the furie of Antichrist and lewde practises of euill persons. But forsomuch as it is thy blessed heritage, we haue a merueylous earnest desire once to behold the peace, ioy, and prosperity therof,

of. We know right well, and plainly confesse, that we haue committed very muche lewdnesse togither with our fathers, so that wee haue sinned exceeding greeuously, and haue most wretchedly fallen from thee our God: yet doe we not therefore dispaire, because we verily perceyue that thou didst alwayes shewe thy selfe to be such a one towards thy chosen people of olde time which thou diddest adorne with incredible benefites, who although they were altogither forgetfull of the same in starting aside to ydolatry and vngodlinesse, yet didst thou onely not vtterlye ouerthrowe those men, but (being chastised with a fatherly correction for a season) restoredst thē to their former quietnesse, at what time they returned into the way of thy holy cōmaundements. Wherefore (we humbly beseech thee) O most mightye God, to preserue vs none otherwise, & not according to our deserts, but for the glorie of thy name only, that like as we are gathered togither out of manye nations, so also being deliuered from a number of great perils, may shew forth thy moste worthie prayses and speake very much honor of thee, through Jesus Christ our lord.

P.g. Amen.

Amen.

Another prayer out of the same Psalme.

Thy inestimable clemencie and wonderfull goodnesse (O most good and mercifull God) is such, that the deepelier we consider the same by thy glorious worckes, so much seemeth it to be a more difficult thing to prayse thee according to thy desert and worthinesse: yet seeing the mindes of the beholders hereof doe alwayes perfectly see that such are blessed which execute Justice and equitie, and contrariwise those most unfortunate, that in their life and conuersation swarne from thy sacred lawes. We earnestly require thee therefore to kéepe vs (through the grace and fauour of our Lord Jesus Christ) in the obedience of thy most holy will, and call vs backe from our innumerable & most grieuous sinnes, vouchsafing finally to preserue thy blessed church, not verily for hir owne desertes sake, but for the honor of thy most glorious name. Let it neuer be forgetfull of thy vnspeakeable benefites, which, if we doe not alwayes well consider, we shall readily yéld

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to worldlye and fleshly desires. Remoue farre from hir, hatred and sectes, whereby thy faythfull Ministers haue bene sometime vexed by the craft and subtiltie of the Deuill. And like as thou hast of olde time spared thy people (whome thou determinedst to destroy) at Moses intercession, euen so pardon and forgiue vs all maner of crimes and faultes that we haue offended thee in, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

The fathers in the wildernesse behaued themselues vnkindely towardes thee (O most mighty God) and were so shameles, as they are a spectacle vnto vs, who did (in a maner perpetually, or at the least within a short while one after another) prouoke thy wrathfull indignation, swarming marueylous vnfortunately from thee through their lewde temptations, wicked grudginges, and most odious repinings. Wherefore thou wert righty, and not without good cause moued agaynst them, for which thinges sake thou shewedst forth thy heauie displeasure nowe and then in

ſuffering and permitting their cruell enimies marueilous ſeuerely to chaſtice them. Theſe things ought to be an enſample and warning vnto vs, for to haue an eſpeciall regard to eſchewe thoſe kinde of vices, for the which we know they were caſt of from thée. Howbeit, we are ſo apt and plyable to wickednesſe, that we haue miſerably defiled our ſelues with the ſelfe ſame vices no leſſe then they did. And therefore haue wée oftner then once felt, that then (who art a righteous Iudge) haſt giuen vs vp to be puniſhed by our owne wickednesſes and lewde deſires: but (ſéing we haue nowe ſuffered puniſhment ynough) we humblye beſeech thee, that like as thou didſt helpe the Iſraelites when they called vpon thee, in the chiefeſt ſtormes of their calamities, being nothing forgetfull of the couenaunt thou madeſt with thē, ſo alſo thou wouldſt be our mightie defence, and ſet vs at libertie from our errors and bondage of ſinnes that we are gréeuouſly burthened withall, into the fauour of our Lorde Ieſus Chriſt thy ſonne, who liueth and reigneth with thée euermore world without end. Amē.

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¶ A prayer out of the. Cvij. Psalme.

A prayer for ỹ knowledge of Gods benefites, contrary to all worldly lewd thinges.

SUch verily are greatly bound to thy clemencie, O almightie God, vnto whom (so long as they saile and are miserably tosse of stormie tempestes and windie waues) thou sendest thy readie helpe in time conuenient, and that bicause they haue faythfully called vpon thée. Also thy mightie power is no lesse shewed in giuing abundance of water to drie and sandie places, and in altering and turning the barren ground to a fruitfull soyle. And contrariwise, mens sinnes are the occasion thereof, that by a wonderfull exchaunge, thou makest pleasaunt and fertile places to be come barren and altogither fruitlesse: in fine, to the intent thou mayst be well knowne, thou causest mortall creatures to séele thy invincible force, by casting downe excéeding mightie kings and princes, and making them to be had in contempt, and become a moste shamefull laughing stock, and liftest vp the poore and baasest in degree, vnto highest kingdomes. We earnestly require thée therefore not to

ſuffer vs to thinke of thoſe thinges negligently, but rather graunt this thing onely, that we being moued hereby may commit our ſelues altogither both to be preſerued through thy vnſpeakable goodneſſe, and alſo guyded by thy ſacred lawe, ſo that thou being our chiefe Capitaine and ruler, we may ſwim out of worldly ſourges, whoſe mindes being hitherto vtterly voide of good deedes, may now bring forth moſt abũdant fruit: and that whereas we haue bene pinched with an exceeding ſcarcitie of goodnes, we may (by thy onely helpe) attaine to the excellent riches of the kingdome of heauen, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

WHoſoeuer they be (O moſte good and mercifull God) that thou deliuereſt from exceeding greeuous daungers, it behoueth them vnceſſantly to celebrate thy worthie praiſes, and to render condigne thanks to thee for the ſame. Such as are driuen to wander from place to place, and walke through theeuiſhe wayes in ſolitarie and vnhaunted places, being in daunger of wilde

wilde beasts and théeues, euen these when they earnestly pray vnto thée, do daily feele thy louing mercie and readie helpe. Thou art present also with them that are distressed with captiuitie, bound with fetters of Iron, and layde in moste darke dungions. Neither art thou forgetfull of them whom deadly diseases haue almost consumed and made vtterly an end of: forsomuch as thou hast once decréed that suche as lamentably require thy assistaunce from the bottome of their heart, shall neuer be destitute of thy helping hand. We therefore that haue of long time and that gréeuously wandred out of the path of godlinesse and holy life, doe nowe come vnto thee for succor, who (being so wretchedly oppressed with the tirannicall bondage of our heynous sinnes) do call vpon thée, and finally in all our prayers doe earnestly desire that thou wouldest heale the diseases of our wounded soules, so that we may alwayes liue as thy faythfull seruaunts, and thou thereby to receyue perpetuall praise, through Iesus Christ our lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cviij. Psalme.

Strengthen

A prayer that the godly may haue grace to withstand and the assaultes of the wicked.

STrengthen and furnish our mindes and hearts in such wise with thy holy spirite (O most mightie God) that although diuers & sundrie mishappes fall vpon them, or that they be shaken with the feare and dread of the enimies of true godlinesse and sincere religion, yet they may not cease to shewe forth thy worthie prayses. Let our whole witte, minde, and perceyuerance (O excellent father) be stirred vp in vs for the right vnderstanding of thy goodnesse, and acknowledging of the moste stedfast faythfulnesse of thy benigne promises. For these two things are so famous in thée, as they do not onely (by reason of their hugenesse) surmount the highe Cloudes of the ayre, but also farre exceede the heigth of the heauens. Therefore are we bolde humbly to intreat and heartily beséech thée, that (our innumerable and most grieuous sinnes being forgiuen) thou wilt set vp thy honor againe, and shewe thy famous glorie to the whole worlde, by deliuering thy sacred Churche from the Iawbones of Antichrist. Call to remembraunce that she is thy beloued heritage and chosen possession, which (although

though for our iniquities sake) thou seemest sometime to relinquishe and cast of from thy fauourable protection, yet art thou not able for thy goodnesse & faythfulnesse sake, to forget it in deede. Wherefore our whole trust consisteth in thee onely, as they that know most certainly that mans helpe is of none effect. Be thou therefore present with vs, and graunt that we maye behaue our selues both boldly and with great constancie in the behalfe of thy glorious name and of thy holy Gospell, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

Whileſt we call to our remembraunce and thinke vpon the riches (O moſte good and mercifull God) of thy louing promiſes, we are wonderfully ſtirred vp to celebrate thy name with ſinguler prayſes, which then augmenteth a more behement deſire, when we finde by experience that thou doeſt very faythfully performe whatſoeuer thou haſt promiſed to beſtowe vpon vs. Thou verily haſt giuen vs hitherto many thinges, and that truly without our deſertes,

sertes, yet there bée manye remayning, which we earnestly require may very spée-dily be accomplished. Thou hast begunne to deliuer vs from the handes of our cruell enimies, and let this luckie beginning pro-céede to a further successe: we bée nowe so farre forth exempted from sinne, that (so long as we truely beleue in thée) they shall not be imputed to vs vnto death. But yet for all that are we hitherto still oppressed with them: let vs therfore by thy high and mightie power, shake of their yoke dayly more and more. Forsomuch as thou art the first founder of thy sonnes kingdome (who is the true Dauid) haue a regard therefore, (we humbly beséech thée) to set forth & make famous the light thereof amongest all Nations, and that he may purely & with great deuocion be honoured and called vppon by vs in especiall, whereby thy sacred Church may doe thinges nobly for the aduaunce-ment of thy glorie, and not be plucked back by the enimies of vngodlinesse from the right path of perfect religion, through Je-sus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cix. Psalme.

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WE acknowlcdge and confesse that thou alone (O most mighty god) doest giue vs all thinges which we possesse: vnder whose gouernment and religion wee accompt it a marueylous felicitie to leade our life, neyther haue we anye other thing so deere and precious vnto vs, as to continue in the prayse and commendation of thy glorious name. Dissemble not at this time nor keepe silence against the wicked persons & guilefull enimies of thy holye Church, who doe not onely rise vp agaynst thee with forged tales and blasphemies, but also make warr agaynst vs with a most furious hatred and outragious crueltie, being vtterly forgetful of all humanitie and godlinesse. But thou (O good God) right well knowest howe peaceably we haue beene hitherto towards them, and haue heartily loued those men, and earnestly prayed for them both publikly and priuately, who nowe recompence vs with extreeme afflictions and greeuous calamities for our good turnes extended towardes them. Wherefore be thou stirred vp agaynst them (O heauenly father) let their cursings and blasphemies which they haue

A prayer of the godly for the enimies of the gospell.

haue continually in their mouth returne vppon them, ouertake, and soze oppzesse them, hauing a iust retwarde foz their hatred and iniuries, which they extend chiefly both towardes thee and also towardes vs that be thy faythfull people. But deale not with vs (O moste mercifull father) accozding to the wozthinesse of our iniquities, who haue in such wise sinned, and behaued our selues so wickedly in thy sight, as there are no punishments (though they be neuer so greeuous) but that we haue deserued thē. Yet haue thou not a regard vnto vs, but to the glozie of thy owne name: pzeserue and succour vs, foz thy infinite goodnesse sake, when we be greeuously afflicted and vtterly destitute of all succoz: let the Antichzistians bee put to rebuke and clothed wyth shame, and cause reuilings to be a dayre cloke to couer them withall. But be thou alwayes readie to assist vs with thy readie helpe, saue the soules of thy faythfull seruauntes which depende wholy vpon thee, thzough Jesus Chzist our Lozd. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

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SEing therefore thou art the same God (O heauenly father) which we make a vaunt that thou art, Neither be thou silent or at rest in so great oppressions of thy sacred Church, when as none other thinges are euery where heard, then mere blasphemies agaynst thee, agaynst thy pure doctrine, and agaynst thy blessed people, yea and that chiefly of such, for whose preseruation thee hath alwayes prayed hartily to thee. Thou knowest right well how we haue continually wished that peace and all good things might happen vnto our chiefest aduersaries, who notwithstanding are nowe moste impudently puffed vp, forasmuch as they verily thinke that they haue espyed a conuenient time to ouerthrow thy blessed heritage. Wherefore, they surely do right well deserue that thou shouldest pay them the hire of their lewd behauiours, and all those thinges which we haue now heard thy holy spirite to threaten agaynst obstinate and vncurable sinners. But our conscience doth accuse vs that we haue behaued our selues most vnworthie of thee and thy sacred doctrine, who first confesse our sinnes

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¶ A prayer out of the. Cx. Pfalme.

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¶ A prayer out of the. Cx. Psalme.

prayer for the benefite our redemption purchased by Christ.

SEeing that thou (O most mightie God) hast vouchsafed thy dearely beloued Sonne our Lord and sauiour Iesus Christ to sitte at thy right hand, hauing a full, perfect, and soueregne power, insomuch as he doth rule and gouerne all things, neyther shall there be any of his aduersaries remayning, but may at length be cast vnder him as his foote stoole: ponder diligently we humbly beseech thee, after what sort the vngodly and most outragious Antichristias aduaunce themselues in these dayes, who dare openly say of him: we will not haue this man raigne ouer vs, neyther can they be any thing satisfied by shewing forth this their outragious anger after a moste spitefull maner, both against thy blessed spirite, and also vpon vs thy chosen people: wherefore sende out from heauen (O mightie GOD) thy puissaunt Scepter and rod of thy great furie vpon them, so that thy deere sonne may (by the holy ghost and sacred Gospell) be of soueregne authoritie, euen in the middest of his deadly enimies. Graūt also his faithfull people to be of such a willing and readie minde, as they (being a very great num-

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ber) maye assemble and mete togither for the defence of his glorious kingdome, not onely with their most feruent prayers, but also by all ỳ meanes they can possible imagine and deuise. We truely are (by reason of our heynous sinnes) vnworthie of so great and vnspeakable a benefit, who haue hitherto ledde our life nothing faythfully. Haue no regarde to vs at all (O heauenly father) but vnto thy solemne othe and promise, wherewith thou hast ordeyned thy deere sonne to be both a noble Prince, and also a louing priest in the true Church for the preseruation therof. Vouchsafe therfore in these our dayes, that the kings, rulers, & mightie powers of this wretched worlde, (who haue so layde their heddes togither agaynst him) maye bee vtterlye consumed with the furie of thy heauie displeasure, and do due execution vppon these blasphemous and most dishonest aduersaries, so as this sacred Dominion and Empire of the glorious Gospell may be greatly inlarged thorowout the vniuersall worlde, and that Iesus Christ thy deere sonne which seemeth to be in a maner altogither oppressed in vs, may be right well knowen to lift vp his heade

most renowmedly, and after an excellent maner, for whose sake we heartily require all these things, which liueth and reigneth with thee euermore worlde without ende. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

FOrsomuch as it is thy gracious will and pleasure (O moste good and mercifull God) that our sauiour Iesus Christ thy deere sonne shoulde shewe forth his notable power ouer all creatures, and set in suche wise on thy right hande, as at length the force of all his outragious enimies may bee like a fotestole cast vnder him: our earnest request is that he would nowe set out and publishe his mightie power in this great needfull time of the Church. Let him rayse vnto himselfe willing and forward labourers for such a noble, excellent, and moste commodious a worke, who being inflamed with the zeale of his honor and dignitie, may establishe the truth of his doctrine, amend mens maners, and set vp integritie of life amongst thy faythfull people. For, seeing we heartily acknowledge and humbly

bly confesse that we haue both defiled and polluted our selues by diuers innumerable and moste grieuous crimes, we earnestly beseech thee to absolue vs of them, through the expiation of Christ our mediatour and high priest, which thing vnlesse he doth it, who is ordeyned a priest for vs after the order of Melchisedech, we can none other wayes obteyne the same. Forsomuch therefore as our heynous sinnes are blotted out and wiped away by him, turne thy beauie displeasure from vs, and poure it out agaynst the stubburne and rebellious enimies of al godlinesse. Giue sentence in such wise vpon the wicked people, that at what time thy streight iustice shall bee seene, knowne, and manifestly perceyued, al men in generall may lift thee vp with perpetual prayses, according to thy worthie deserues, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

WE know (O almightie God) that the desolation of the world is not so long deferred, and that our Lorde Iesus Christ thy most dearely beloued sonne being con-

neyed out of our ſight, ſitteth on thy right hand in glorie, for any other cauſe, but that all the enimies of the Goſpell ſhould in the meane while fall downe flat vnder his fæt, and that his doctrine (which by the impulſion of the holy Ghoſt is ſpred abroad from Mount Sion throwout the whole world) ſhoulde both be publiſhed farre and nære, and alſo bring forth fruit in ſuch wiſe, that thou mayeſt haue whole nations true worſhippers of thée, not now conſtrayned and brought thereto by compulſion, but of a willing heart, and ſuch as will thinke it a godly matter to ſpende not onely all their goodes, but euen their life alſo for the defence of thy ſacred truth. Seing that thou (Mercifull father) haſt promiſed with an aſſured othe to performe theſe thinges in very dæde, we do chalenge thée at this time vpon thy faythfulneſſe to accompliſh them with ſo muche ſpæde as poſſible may bée: pronounce ſentence (I heartily pray thée) with thy ſacred Church, which the prince of darkeneſſe hath of ſuch long time and ſo ſharpely aſſayled. Teare in péces the deuils curſed engines, & mad outrage wherewith the infernall powers kéepeth hir beſieged,

ſieged, ſo that one time or other Chriſt may put vp his bright hed amongſt vs, who lyueth and reigneth with thée in the vnity of the holye Ghoſt euermore worlde without ende. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxj. Pſalme.

A prayer that Gods wonderful worke may be manifeſt.

ALL thy workes, O moſt mightie god, are very great & wonderfull, which (if we did deuoutly and with much feruencie ſearch out) we ſhould find nothing in them that ſhoulde not greatly ſatiſfie our deſires. But (alas for ſorrowe) ſéeing that we are ſo much burthened with a corrupt life and an innumerable multitude of ſinnes, we are not able purely and with ſingleneſſe of heart, to beholde the magnificence and brightneſſe that thou vſeſt in thy marueylous workes. Yet notwithſtanding by calling to remembraunce the vnſpeakable benefites which thou haſt beſtowed vpon vs and our fathers, we can not but ſay that thou art louing and mercifull vnto vs, Aboliſhe not thou therefore (who neuer haſt forſaken thy faythfull ſeruauntes, by nouriſhing and giuing them

the promised heritage of the Gentiles) the holye couenaunt which thou madest wyth them, neyther be forgetfull of vs, for thy infinite mercies sake, but shewe forth thy selfe an earnest louer of iudgement and veritie, by manifesting the equitie, iustice, and vprightnesse of thy blessed will. The cause why our fierce enimies doe so assaile vs, is not vnbeknowen to thee, but thou vnderstandest right well the cruell malice and mischieuous hatred they haue borne to sincere godlinesse, true religion, and pure inuocation of thy blessed name: who can not abide that the Gospell should flourishe in our Churches, for which cause they are so earnestly bent to swallow vs vp. Sende thou therefore redemption vnto thy faythfull people: and let the blessed couenaunt which thou haste made wyth thy sacred Church, be inuiolable and euerlasting, in respect wherof (we humbly beseech thee) mightily to deliuer vs, so that all men may right well perceyue thy infinite goodnesse, and greatly feare and stand much in awe of thy diuine Maiestie: but cause vs alwayes to celebrate thy most worthie prayses, thorow Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

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An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

IF we did diligently perdse and seeke out the thinges which thou (O almightie God) hast created, we should euen with all our heart be inforced to acknowledge the equity and vprightnesse of them: forsomuch as we see nothing amongest all thy creatures but is wonderfull notable, and most excellent. Moreouer the famous tokens of thy inestimable goodnesse which thou doest for men, are of euerlasting memoriall, and ought at no time to be forgottē. Thy faithfull seruaunts haue hitherto neuer lacked or béene destitute of thy readie helpe, who hast very carefully thought alwayes of the couenāt thou madest with them. For thou giuest vs abundauntly all maner of things which are for the health of the bodie, thou adornest them with an exceeding great heritage, & doest furnishe them with doctrine & most wholesome precepts: adding moreouer hereunto the wonderfull promises annixed to a marueylous stedfast veritie, and finally hast béene accustomed to deliuer thē from sorowfull bondage and greeuous oppression.

pression. We that beleue assuredly these things, do nowe with much humilitie, present our selues before thy gracious presence, requiring thée to remit the most grée-uous sinnes wherewith we haue offended thee, and to deliuer vs from imminent perils, so that we (being voyd of fearefulnesse and frée from wicked persons) shall by that meanes haue the feare of thée (which is the beginning of wisdome) and the true vnderstanding of thy blessed law, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE ought to poure out (both openly and in priuate places) no fained praises before thée (O moste good and mercifull God) but such as procéede from the bottom of the heart: for thy notable factes whereby thou hast linked vs vnto thée, are so to bée marueyled at of all men, as the Godly doe not search those out but for a singuler delight they take in them. Neyther doubt we but that thou wilt yet doe such thinges for our preseruation, as shall be worthie to be regestred in perpetuall memorie; for wée

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are nothing mistrustfull that thou canst be at any time forgetfull of thy holy couenant which thou hast vouchedsafe more then once to enter into with thy faythfull seruaunts. We right well perceyue, and the Scripture doth euery where put vs in remembraunce, how thou hast alwayes stood most constantly to thy blessed couenaunts. For thou hast not onely brought our Fathers out of Egipt, but of thy wōderful clemencie feddest them in ẏ desert, who didst (according to thy faythfull promise) place those thy people in ẏ land of Canaan: our earnest request and humble desire is therefore, O excellent father, that thou wouldst extend thy mercie & truth no lesse towards vs. For performaunce whereof sende out thy most puyssant force of thy blessed word, whereby the true honouring of thy holye name in thy sacred Church may be set free from errors and darknesse, so that we may at length luckily attaine to the true worshipping of thee, which is the originall and piller of all wisdome, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxij. Psalme.

Forsomuch

A prayer that the godly maye be lessed.

FOrsomuch as we haue not yelded such honor vnto thee (O most excellent father) as was our right bounden dutie, neyther haue bene obedient to thy blessed commaundementes as we ought, therefore are these troublesome and difficult tymes nowe come vpon vs. For those which duely obey, faythfully loue, and truely worship thee according to thy prescript word, do not wallow in darknesse, but are strengthned in righteousnes, and order all their doynges with an vpright iudgement. Let thy vnspeakable mercye therefore, O most mighty God, amend that in vs which hath (through our lewde default) bene greatly appared. First vouchsafe to giue thy benigne consent vnto this, that we swarue hereafter nothing at all from the perfect waye which thou hast set forth vnto vs: then, so strengthen oure mindes and heartes, that we be not more affrayed of imminent mischiefe then nede is, but vndershore thou the weakenesse of our feble mindes, and graunt that we may repose our whole trust in thee onely. Cause the horne of thy people to be exalted and lifted vp in this so sharpe and perillous a battaile.

battaile. Thou seest how greatly our wicked and vngodly enimies do fret at vs, for if they were of abilitie, they would not only destroy vs and all that we haue, but also vtterly race and abolishe out of the Church the pure worshipping of thee, all perfect Godlinesse, and true religion: who gnashe the teeth of their cruelitie, and with moste forceable weapons they rage without mercie. Beate thou downe therefore and make frustrate their deuilishe enterprises with thy excellent might and inuincible power, so that they maye fade alwaye as voyde of their fond practises, and all their moste detestable ymaginations vtterly perishe, to the glorie and prayse of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

The due feare of thee (O moste mightie God) that is to say, reuerent godlinesse, causeth men to be right blessed, who care for none other thing then howe they may most readily obey thy blessed will. Therefore are we moued lamentably to require thy louing mercie, whereby thou mightest

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renue thy holye Church being in a maner come to vtter ruine: for otherwyse shall not hir or rather thy posteritie or offspring be at any time eyther famous or mightie, for the abundaunce of spirituall giftes is to be looked for from none other place, neither will light burst out by any other meanes in the middle darknesse of errors and wickednesse. Moreouer, if godlinesse (according to our earnest petition) may reuiue in hir, the perfect office of charitie towards our neighbor shall not be wanting, but euery man will pleasure his brethren somuch as in him lyeth, ordering his doings not rashely or by chaunce, but with a spirituall & ghostly iudgement. Wherefore we earnestly desire thée to establishe vs quickly in thy confidence, from the which, let not (eyther tempestuous stormes & grieuous aduersities, or the delight of fortunate thinges) in any wise withdraw vs, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

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followe true godlinesse and the obseruation of thy holy commaundements (O mercifull God) do leade a right happie and blessed life: euen so do we right well perceyue that it was very agreeable to thy incõparable iustice, that we should be presently tormented with these troublesome times, who haue coldely applied our selues to the true honoring of thee, and negligently obeyed thy sacred law as becommeth vs. But take not thou (O good God for thy infinite mercies sake) such reuengement of our sinnes as they haue iustly deserued, but cause some light to shine out vnto vs in so great a mist of darknesse, whereby pure godlinesse may be set vp agayne in thy sacred Church, and holy religion flourish excẽdingly. Graunt moreouer that thy true worde and faythfull promises may take such depe rote in our sinfull hearts, that (although we heare of grieuous mischiefes hanging ouer our heddes) yet let vs not start nor stagger any thing at all from thy sacred fayth and holy purpose. Underpropp thou vs thy owne selfe, by causing it thus to fall out that we may in this dreadfull time, leane stedfastly to thee alone, so as Antichrist may fret and

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gnash with his teeth, and the spitefull aduersaries of thy glorious name pine away. But contrariwise let the prayse and clearenesse of thy fauourable mercie exalt it selfe more and more, and be made manifest to all creatures, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxiij. Psalme.

A prayer for the comfort & cõsolation of Christes Church.

SEeing that we ought to magnifie thy glorious name (O most good and mercifull God) so much as in vs lyeth, and by all the meanes we can possibly deuise, who haue not liued in such wise heretofore, as to further thy worthy prayses according to our right boũden dutie, but rather thy blessed truth and sacred Gospell hath (through our great default and cursed lewdnesse) bene much slaundered, and that thing which ought to haue bene highly commended amongst all Nations, is euery where (by our naughtinesse) made of none accompt. Wherefore we heartily acknowledge and earnestlye confesse that thou hast most greeuously vexed and troubled vs, to the intent we should the

the better vnderſtand thy iuſtice, & vpright iudgement. Yet notwithſtanding, our earneſt requeſt is, ỳ (forſomuch as nothing can be compared vnto thee in reſpect of goodnes & mercy) thou wouldſt at length be our ready helper & ſpeedy deliuerer: who haſt bene accuſtomed, of thy infinite bountiouſneſſe, to loke not onely vpon the things that are in heauen, but alſo doeſt humble thy ſelfe to beholde all matters which be done vpon the face of the earth. Haue an eye therefore vnto the troubleſome eſtate of thy bleſſed Church, and diligently regarde the moſte greeuous oppreſſion of thy faythfull people. Forſomuch as we haue hitherto wallowed in the miery puddle of our lewd vices, and be now (according to our iuſt deſerts) forſet with the heauie burthen of extreme aduerſities. Stretch thou out thy helping hand to ayde our princes & armies, who ſeeke to take the ſimple out of ỳ duſt, & doeſt lift the poore from the dunghill, and ſuccor thy bleſſed Church in ſuch ſort, as it do not become altogither barren. Vouchſafe that it may one day reioyce in peace and tranquillitie, and graunt hir to bee made vnto thee (through thy ſacred worde and holye

spirit) a mother of many children, by whom thy glorious name maye bee exalted with perpetuall prayses, euen as it behoueth thē, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

WHosoeuer addict themselues to honor thee (O moste mightie God) wyth fayth and pure deuocion, are bound to render immortal thanks to thy glorious name, which they ought to paye vnto thee in all places, euery yere without ceasling, euery day, and euery houre. The puyssaunt force of thy great goodnesse extended towards vs is manifested in such wise, as all men must needes confesse that thou art no lesse mercifull then inuincible. For although thou art sayde to haue placed thy kingly Court and Pallace in the highest coastes of the Heauens, notwithstanding thou submittest thy diuine prouidēce to euery base thing which lyeth hid in the lowest part of the earth, insomuch as nothing can be done eyther in heauen or earth, but is clērely and moste plainely sēene of thee. For seeing therefore we perfectly vnderstande that such thinges as

as bée done of vs are not vnbeknowne to thée, and that it is alwayes thy accustomed maner to rayse vp the poore and needie (so they beleue vnfeynedly in thée) out of the fowle and filthie dust, to more noble & most renowned Kingdomes: who also doest often cause the childelesse and barren women to haue a plenteous houshold, we doe with great humilitie lamentably require this at thy fauourable handes, that thou wouldest be mercifull vnto the calamities thy blessed Church is nowe in, so as it may at length (by thy good meanes) be most noble & right famous, which yet goeth besloubered with filth and dust, and whereas she séemeth to haue left child bearing, let hir be glad with a perfect and substantiall ioy for the number of hir most faythfull sonnes, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxiiij. Psalme.

A prayer for a true faythby the contemplation of Goddes wonderfull workes.

WHen as thou (O mooste mercifull God) broughtest the children of Israell by thy inuincible power, from the bondage of Egypt, and hadst layd sufficient grieuous punishments

vpon the cruell and obstinate Egyptians, hauing a fatherly carefull regarde and singuler affection towardes the people of the Iewes, diddest therefore moste manifestly declare (through wonderfull examples and moste abundaunt fauour) that thou wert with them at the deuision of the waters in the red sea, by the marueylous quaking of mount Sinay, by the goyng backe of the riuer of Iordane, & the vncredible gushing of waters out of the hard rocke: whereby we may right euidently vnderstand that al things happen prosperously, and are greatly obedient to those whome thou hast vouchedsafe to regester in the number of thy elect seruaunts. For which cause sake, an exceeding liuely hope is raised vp in vs, that seeing our assured assaunce is, that we belong to thy blessed house by the adoption of fayth, it will come to passe, that as we bee alreadie deliuered by thy benigne grace from the miserie of eternall death, so also whatsoeuer is among thy blessed creatures (whether it be the likenesse of prosperitie or aduersitie) shall redounde at length moste luckely for the welfare of thy sacred church: vnto the which thing as we right well per-

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ceyue that our heynous sinnes be worthily and not without iust cause a great let and hinderance, so also, we humbly beseech thée, (for thy infinite mercie and promised good willes sake) to bring the same very spéedily to passe, and that in the name of thy sonne Jesus Christ our Lorde, who liueth and reigneth with thée euermore worlde without ende. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxv. Psalme.

A prayer for a constant confession of the Gospell.

AT what time we do lamentably require thy fauourable mercy (O most mightie God) thereby to be deliuered from such horrible calamities as do greatly assaile vs, which is not done onlye to the intent we our selues should receiue benefite thereby, but also that thy blessed name might become more glorious through our wonderfull deliuerance. For if thou shouldst suffer thy blessed seruaunts to lie vnder foote, we see it would easilye come to passe, that the children of this wretched world will vpbrayde them, & accompt the hope they repose in thée onely to be as a vaine thing. As for our part, who being il-

lumined with thy heauenly grace doe very well consider (that what good thing soeuer is in this wretched worlde, whereof the vnbeleuers haue made theselues their idols) they haue neyther power nor habilitie at all to make men happie & blessed, although they both honor & reuerence them. Wherefore we knowe this to be still remayning for vs, that so many as haue the feare of thy diuine maiesty before their eies, and appertaine to the spirituall Israel, & be also grafted in the Kingdome & priesthood of Christ, should make their full accompt to haue thee as their onely helper and defender. For if that be done which they are bound to performe, they shall dayly attaine greater encreasementes of perfect good thinges. For which cause we heartily require thee, who dwellest in the high heauen, and hast ordeined vs to haue our habitation in the earth so long as this life indureth, graunt vs so to liue, that thou suffer vs not to passe our tyme like vnto them which be deade, who can not set forth thy worthye prayses, but our earnest desire is that we may both in talke and holy workes alwayes set out thy most glorious name, through Iesus Christ

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our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxvj. Psalme.

A prayer to the like effe of the psalm which goet next before.

THou doest then moste chiefly declare thy singuler good will towardes the Godly (O almightye God) when as thou art present to helpe such as lamentably call vpon thée in the middest of their vnfortunate mishaps: and the heynouser those be whereout thou doest deliuer them, so much the greater is thy notable louing kindnesse manifested vppon them, and the mindes of them all more inflamed to haue accesse vnto thée in their moste harde and troublesome tymes. Wee therefore being sore cast downe and ouerwhelmed with the most grieuous burthen of our heynous sinnes, do humbly call vpon thée. And forsomuch as we know by experience that men are lyers, and all hope to be of none effect which shall be reposed in things created, we hartily require thée with so much earnestnes as can be deuised, to forgiue vs whatsoeuer we haue wickedly and lewdly committed, by taking away those punishments from thy sacred Church

which our deadly sinnes haue worthilye deserued, that we being mightily deliuered, may bee ercæding ioyfull before thee, and both quaffe the cup of thankes giuing, and also cause thy singuler louing kindnesse, towardes vs, to be made manifest vnto all men. And like as thou hast alwayes had not onely a speciall regarde vnto the death of the blessed saints, but also vnto their miserable affliction and most pitious lamentation, so (wee humbly beseech thee) to take pitie at this time vpon the feblenesse of thy sacred Church being in a maner as nowe distroyed & brought to vtter ruine, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxvij. Psalme.

A prayer for the perfect knowledge of Christ.

THou hast created mankinde (O most mightie God) to the intent all Nations should be knitte together to render vniuersall prayses vnto thy glorious name: for the doing whereof, thou didst in olde time ordeine the Patriarkes, Prophetes, and Apostles, to this office, & at this time (when all things were now defaced with darknesse, fond abuses,

bles, and filthie defilinges) thou haſt gathered vs in the ſacred Church for the ſelfe ſame worke and purpoſe. Which thing, to the intent we may commodiouſly and very conuenientlie accompliſhe, we humbly require thee that our heynous iniquities and moſt deadly ſinnes be not an hinderaunce herevnto, which as we heartily acknowledge and earneſtly cõfeſſe to be right grieuous and innumerable, ſo we humbly deſire thee, that they may be vtterly wiped away, clerely remitted, and quite pardoned, who be nowe (as thou well ſeeſt) ſo hedged in with great perils, and little better then alreadie oppreſſt, becauſe we haue repoſed our whole truſt and confidence in thee alone. Looke therefore (we humbly beſeeche thee) that our fayth maye be ſo vnderpropped with thy bleſſed ſpirit, as it ſhrinke not in theſe troubleſome daies. Set (we hartily pray thee) thy vnſpeakeable goodneſſe before our eyes, which thou haſt alwayes moſte louingly beſtowed vpon the godlye, that we, acknowledging the ſame fullye and euidently, may be nothing miſtruſtfull but that thou wilt at this preſent be a faithfull patrone and aſſured defender of thy

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blessed Church, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

AT such time as mankind (O most good and mercifull God) was striken with a wonderfull blindnesse and ouerwhelmed with mischiefes innumerable, then was thy vnfallible mercie at hande vnto him, through the which thou diddest vouchsafe to deliuer thy onely begotten sonne Jesus Christ our Lorde for the saluation of the world: therefore are we bound to giue thée immortall thankes, who sée our selues preserued by thy mére and singuler goodnesse onely, and not through our owne deserts. And forasmuch as we haue founde thée so constant and right faythfull in thy louing promises, we doubt not but thou wilt (of thy excellent mercy and vnspeakable goodnesse) at thy appoynted tyme, fully accomplishe those small thinges which are yet remayning to be fulfilled. Our earnest request is therefore, that thou wouldest so fortifie our weake mindes with the spirite of fayth, as we may not onely lay holde vpon

pon the good things thou profereſt vs without any miſtruſtfulneſſe, but alſo render thee condigne thanks in thy ſacred Church with all people and nations, for ſo great bountifulneſſe and liberalitie beſtowed vpon thy faythfull ſeruauntes, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxviij. Pſalme.

A prayer that we may be comforted in fayth.

SO manye as feare God, and bée grafted in Chriſt, and haue a feruent zeale to godlineſſe, are dayly allured and prouoked by newe meanes and infinite benefites, to magnifie his bleſſed name: for ſéing that they well know Gods goodneſſe to be of ſuche great force as he is preſent therewith vnto thoſe that vnfeynedly call vpon him for the ſame, and deliuereth them from all perill and diſquietneſſe of minde, who cauſeth them to haue ſo great fayth and confidence, as they néede not to ſtand in néede of mans power, bée it of neuer ſo great a force. Wherefore, in as much as the ſame is not at this preſent vnbeknowne to vs, we cõmit our ſelues to thée onely (O moſt mighty

tie God) who art our alone sauiour, requiring that thou wouldest vouchsafe to defend thy blessed Church being as now hedged in and compassed about on euery side with extreme perils: our sinnes haue iustly deserued sarre greeuouser thinges, who do confesse (O good God) that we haue heynously and like miserable wretches offended thee, but here it behoueth, that for thy singuler clemencies sake, our wicked deedes shoulde be vanquished of thy vnspeakable mercie. Graunt vs therefore (being chastised by thee as disobedient and rebellious children) not so to be deliuered to subiection and destruction, as we may not highly celebrate, worthily prayse, and duly magnifie thy wonderous workes within the Gates of thy glorious kingdome amidst the congregation of the righteous. Vouchsafe ỳ we, who are now as reprobates, castawayes, and made a laughing stock to al men, may be aduaunced so muche in righteousnesse, holinesse, and good liuing, as all men may right well vnderstand, that whatsoeuer we determine or go about to do touching religion, it is not mans deuise but thy owne onely worke, through Iesus Christ ours

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An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WE are continually tost with so many greeuous stormes of aduersities (O almightie God) as it behoueth vs to haue accesse and recourse vnto thy mercie onely, that we be not ouerwhelmed vnder them. But now we know for a certayntie, that mans power can do nothing touching their ouerthrow whome thou hast appoynted to saluation. Forsomuch as therefore we see them led with a false and deceiptfull hope which haue anye confidence in men, we iudge this to be a singuler poynt of wisedome of the godly, to trust hereafter in no mortall creature, but to repose their whole affiaunce in thee alone. For which cause, we humblie beseech thy diuine Maiestie (O excellent father) that, although thou art sometime angrie, and, by reason of our heinous sinnes, doest worthilye chastice and subdue our stubbornnesse, yet let vs not fal vtterly away from thee, which thing shall verily come to passe, if thou wilt builde vs

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vpon that moſt firme cozner ſtone, who as he was layde aſide and diſſalowed of men, ſo is he aduaunced by thee to the chiefeſt top and piller of glozie, through our Lozd Ieſus Chriſt thy ſonne, who liueth and reigneth with thee euermoze woꝛlde without ende. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxix. Pſalme.

A prayer in neceſſitie, anguiſhe, and diſtreſſe.

THou haſt alwayes of thy vnſpeakable gwodneſſe and clemencie (O moſt good and merciful God) from time to time indued vs with notable and plentifull benefites, but we of the contrary part (who ought to obey thy bleſſed cõmaundements with all earneſtneſſe) haue very miſerably tranſgreſſed the ſame, and pꝛocured vnto oure ſelues the euilles wherewith we are ſoze oppꝛeſſed, neyther can we iuſtlye complaine, that Antichriſt and his curſed members haue woꝛſe dealt with vs thẽ our deſerts required: but knowe aſſuredly that thou doeſt not chaſten and coꝛrect vs in thy furious diſpleaſure, but with fatherly mercie and louing kindneſſe. Wherefoze we (whom thou ſoze chaſtiſeſt) hauing

hauing recourse vnto thæ, require these thinges at thy mercifull handes, that thou wouldst open the eyes of our minde wyth thy healthfull light, so that we be not blinded at the beholding of thy wonderous worckes: let not thy sacred precepts be hid from vs so long as we be pilgrimes in this wretched world, causing our mindes to bæ continually inflamed with a moste ardent desire towardes those thinges which thou hast giuen in commaundement to be obserued. Graunt that our deserts be not such hencefoorth, as we be reproued amongst the lewde sort, or cursed like execrable thinges, bicause we haue greatly swarued from thy holy precepts. Thou séest right well the slaunders and reproches wherwith thy crudèll enimies do euery where assaile vs, and after what sort the great princes and mighty rulers of this wretched world when they were set togither agaynst vs, did striue not onely by worde, but also by indeuour to turne vs away from thy sincere worde, from the deuout worshipping of thæ, and from thy pure ceremonies. Thou therefore so strengthē and quicken vs with thy puyssaunt force and mightie power, as we may

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bee assuredly perswaded that thy faythfull promises are most true and certain, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Aleph, Beth.

SUch truelye are to bee accompted right happie amongst mortall men (O moste good and mercifull God) as haue thy sacred law alwayes set out before the eyes of their minde, which they make as a patterne to beginne their life by, and as a rule to proceede by, when they haue begunne, so that if they shal perhappes go astray, their fault may both be amended thereby, and they also lead a vertuous life according vnto iustice. These shal liue blamelesse, and when their doinges shall be examined by vpright iudgemēt, they shal not be ashamed, which will greatly anaile, if it be diligently practised from the tender age. But we heartily acknowledge and earnestlye confesse (O most deere father) that all mans politicie is altogither vnprofitable, and none accompt at all to be made thereof, vnlesse thou bee present with thy blessed spirite, and doest direct our minds, for otherwise what gaine may wee haue by meditating of thy holye law,

law, then a colde and very hurtfull knowledge. Wherefore our earnest request is, that thou wouldest not onelye minister strength vnto vs by thy grace, for the accomplishing of those thinges which thou commaundest in thy diuine lawe, but also to bring this vnto good effect, so that wee may haue more felicitie in them, then in all our owne deuices, and take a greater delight in the execution hereof, then in anye fleshly or worldly pleasures, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gimel, Daleth.

SEing that all the force we haue, dependeth vpon thee (O most good and mercyfull God) and that we do nothing, wythout thy gracious ayde and furtherance, which may please thee, we haue good cause to flie vnto thy excellent mercie seate, so that we may (through the helpe and assistaunce of thy good grace) frame our deedes altogither confirmable vnto thy holye lawes, which thing can in no wise happen vnlesse thou remouest from oure eyes the vale which euill lustes and lewd desires do alwayes put betwixt vs and thy wholsome

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doctrine, by reason whereof we do not wel consider the benefiticall thinges which are there commaunded vs to obserue. Driue also farre from vs (we heartily beseech thee) the swelling of the minde and a haute conceypt, wherethrough wee are accustomed beyond all measure to haue mens ordinances and humaine deuices in maruelous admiration, so that sometime thy holy preceptes seeme vile vnto vs, in comparison of them: and that moste chiefly when as wee be afraid to abide the displeasure of mightie men and the shame of this wretched world. At what tyme therefore our minde shall be thus diuerslie seuered, refreshe thou vs (O good God) with thy blessed worde, and mittigate with thy spirituall calmnesse, the ouer vnquiet thoughtfulnesse of our mind, and suffer vs not to be deceyued by the leasings of this corrupt life, being of themselues maruelous pleasaunt and flattering. For if thou shalt once set our desiressed hart at libertie, there can be no cause to the contrarie, but that we may make wonderfull expedition for the accomplishing of thy sacred commaundements: which, we humbly beseech thee, to vouchsafe that we may

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obteyne with as earneſt an intention as can be poſſibly deuiſed, through Jeſus chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

He, Vau.

When as we on the one ſide doe conſider the weakeneſſe of oure owne ſtrength (O moſte mightie God) and contrariwiſe the abſoluteneſſe and perfectneſſe of thy bleſſed lawe, we euidently perceyue, that for the obteyning thereof, thy moſte puyſſant helpe will ſtand vs in very great ſteade: firſt therefore teache vs the true wayes of thy holye commaundementes, moreouer illuminate in ſuch ſort our mind and vnderſtanding, as we may be able to incline with great feruencie vnto thoſe things which thou haſt both taught & commaunded. Furthermore it is needefull for thee to graunt vs power and habilitie to performe whatſoeuer we haue learned of thee, otherwiſe it ſhall profite vs little or nothing at all to haue knowledge, vnleſſe ſome part of obedience be eyther performed or at leaſt wiſe begunne in vs, which the lewde inclination of our ſinfull heart doth greatly hinder; and finally our ſenſes and

corrupt affections are wonderfull huge aduersaries herevnto. Succor thou vs therefore, we humbly beseech thée, with thy good grace and abundant fauor, forgiuing whatsoeuer we haue committed and do daily after a most sinfull maner agaynst thy sacred lawe, neyther let it be imputed vnto vs for our eternall destruction. And in the meane season (O good God) let thy louing mercies vtter and shewe forth themselues to be a strong defence and mightie preseruation for thy sanctified Church, which thou seest grieuously tormented with great perilles, mischieuous reproches, and diuerse kyndes of afflictions, not permitting hir to bée in such sort wrested out of thy handes, as shée may be robbed eyther of thy blessed worde, or of the lawfull, holy, and most pure honoring of thée, through Iesus Christ our lord. Amen.

Zain, Heth.

WE flie vnto thée in this most troublesome time (O almightie God) when as we see thy blessed church so sore afflicted, and that throw our owne euill desertes: who haue greatly sinned against thée, done very

very lewdely, and transgressed thy sacred lawes innumerable wayes, and there is but one thing onely which rayseth vp our hope, and comforteth vs most in these our grieuous afflictions, namely that we know how thou art right mindfull of the louing promises made to thy faythfull seruaunts. Forsomuch as our sinnes & former wretched life doe marueylously accuse vs, (we humbly beseech thee) therefore so to quicken and lift vs vp with thy vnspeakeable mercie, which we see offered vnto vs in the benigne promises of thy holye Scriptures. Our earnest request is that thou wouldest not permitte vs to swarue from the sacred lawe which thou hast vouchedsafe to set before vs, who do with much feruencie desire to be vnseperably annexed vnto thee, howsoeuer the vngodly doe fare vere and scorne vs. For seeing that thou hast diuers times heretofore taken vppon thee to diffende thy faythfull seruauntes causes when as they were in a maner drowned with extreme calamities: therefore nowe also leaue not of to succour and helpe those which vnfeynedly call vpon thee. Thy outragious enimies commit none other thing then to de-

ꝓꝛiue the Church of thy ſacred woꝛdes, thy holy ceremonies, and all deuout woꝛſhipping of thee. Foꝛſomuch as thou art our onely lot, we lift vp our eyes vnto thy face with our whole heart: but oꝛ euer the multitude of wicked and moſte abhominable men do ſwallow vs vp, be thou ꝓꝛeſent foꝛ thy infinite goodneſſe ſake to ſuccoꝛ vs, ſo that we may applie our ſelues day & night to laude and ꝓꝛayſe thée foꝛ thy iuſt iudgement, thꝛough Ieſus Chꝛiſt our loꝛd. Amē.

Zain, Heth.

WEe haue not conceyued hope of our ſaluation (O almightie God) anye where elſe, then from thy moſte faythfull ꝓꝛomiſes, dꝛawing out therefoꝛ onely an aſſured conſolation, if that at any time either the fleſhe, mans reaſon, the deuill, oꝛ wicked men ſhall vaunt themſelues any thing ſtoutly againſt vs. We take a marueilous good courage agaynſt all theſe thinges, foꝛſomuch as thou wilt moſt largely peꝛfoꝛm whatſoeuer thou haſt faythfully ꝓꝛomiſed, bicauſe, that euen from the beginning, we haue had thy fayth in perfect remembꝛance, ſeing it doth manifeſtly appeare [illegible] thou haſt

haſt neuer deceyued any that truſt onely in thée. Vouchſafe therefore that we may both day & night be vnſeperably annixed to this moſt ſtrong rocke, inuincible fortreſſe, and well caſt Anchor. For inaſmuch as we miſtruſt not but thou wilt performe whatſoeuer belongeth vnto thee, this remayneth, that we execute with an exceeding feruent deſire, the charge which is left vnto vs, ſo that we may (marueylous ſpeedily) beſtyre our ſteppes and fete towarde the fulfilling of thy bleſſed law. Cauſe thou vs (O excellent father) we humbly beſeeche thée, to cut of and caſt aſide all delayes, and that contrary to the expectation of the vngodly, who alwayes caſt lettes to intrappe vs, we may be obedient to thy ſacred precepts, ſo that all thoſe which honour and loue thée purelye, may accompany vs, that like as the earth is euery where replenished with thy ineſtimable goodneſſe, ſo the number of thy true and faythfull ſuppliauntes may be daylye more and more greatly augmēted, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

Teth, Iod.

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THou hast bene hitherto accustomed (O almightie God) to deale lovingly with thy faythfull servaunts, and we especially being (through thy unspeakable mercye) brought to the true knowledge and perfect understanding of thy sacred Gospell, have had thy excellent benefites in a wonderfull triall, which we do plainly acknowledge and confesse that our heynous sinnes have greatly defiled, wherewith we have not onely polluted our selves, but also thy holy name, and the blessed doctrine of thy deere sonne is thereby evill spoken of amongest the Gentiles, and a great number (by our default) driven with feare from the way of truth. We now therefore heartily beseech thée (O heavenly father) to cause us for to saver thee rightly and so acknowledge thy blessed name as we maye most constantly sticke to thy sacred wordes and holye commaundementes. Let the afflictions wherwith we are touched be effectuall spurres and prickes to move us for to returne into the right perfect waye: and forsomuch as thou art good and favourable unto al men, suffer not those (whome thou hast adopted to be thy beloved sonnes by Christ) to denie

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thée shamefully. For the more that the deuill, Antichrist, and his cursed members indeuour with all their industrie to plucke vs from thée, make thou vs on the contrary part (we heartily pray thée) to be vnfeinedly obedient vnto thy blessed precepts: and what troublesome things soeuer these men haue subtilly deuised, let the same turne to ỹ profite of thy blessed Church. Let our heart (which of it selfe is grosse and fat) be made soft diligently to perceyue ỹ right well vnderstanding thy sacred wordes & diuine law, hauing it in more credite and estimation, then golde, siluer, and all the treasure of the worlde. Forsake not (O good God) ỹ worke of thy handes, which thou thy selfe hast made and garnished: and let the vngracious persons be put to shame, who (through a lewde zeale) go about to ouerthrowe thy blessed layes. But let such reioyce in thée, as honour thy diuine Maiestie, and haue an eye with a pure fayth vnto thy louing promises. Cause them also to inioy thy vnspeakable goodnesse, & leade alwayes such a lyfe as may right well please thée, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Teth, Iod.

There is nothing either more honorable or greatlier to bee wished for of vs (O most good and merciful God) then that thou wouldest giue vs power to vnderstand thy holye worde with a right vp iudgement: and we so feruentlye desire this, that wee may be also in a readinesse to purchase the same with any calamitie whatsoeuer it be. Wherefore if thou see that thou canst by euill successe of fortune or by aduersities bring thy elect to a right minde, which slide away oftentimes, deale which way thou seemest best for to make vs applie our selues with earnest desire to liue after thy diuine lawe. And seeing thou hast fashioned vs in our mothers wombe, so fauour thou vs also and illuminate vs in such wise that we be not blinded in the worde of thy blessed truth. For whilest we earnestly desire these things at thy mercifull handes (O excellent father) we doe not onely with heart craue our owne consolation, but the comfort of all those which make much of thy sacred lawe and perfect truth. These verily will wonderfully reioyce, if they shall

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perceyue euery one of vs to be annexed vnto thee with vncorrupt mindes. Wherfore we heartily beseech thee, that thy holy will (which thou hast set forth vnto vs in the sacred Scriptures) maye be dearer vnto vs then gold, and more beloued then all riches, so as we may imbrace ỳ same with a right perfect heart, and nothing whatsoeuer wee attempt to do, may redowne eyther to our shame or to the dishonour of thy sanctified Church, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

Caph, Lamed.

FOrsomuch as we haue an especiall regard (O most mightie God) in these our dayes to thy faythfull promises, and that our soule doth in a maner faint with longing for thy ayde: whiles health seemeth to banish away from before our eies, it is time for thee to be our readie helper and sure defence. Wey not, we humbly beseech thee, our weake fayth, corrupt vices, and wicked behauiour wherewith we haue slaundered thy blessed name, and caused thy sacred gospell to be euil spoken of. Vouchsafe (O good God) that we may leade the rest of our life,

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altogither in godly and religious woꝛkes: foꝛ if we shall obteyne this at thy mercifull handes, we mistruſt not but thou wilt immediately after powꝛe out thy fierce iudgements vpon thy enimies, whꝛo do assault vs thus cruelly. And thou thy selfe sæst how vndeseruedly they do it. Foꝛ although wée haue sinned so heynously as we haue pꝛocured vnto our selues græuouser punishmentes then these be, yet our aduersaries haue not foꝛ our sinnes sake onely digged these pittes foꝛ vs, but they persecute, yea and would vtterly destroy vs, foꝛ that religion is a little purged, & the true woꝛshipping of thée restoꝛed. Therefoꝛe confirme and strengthen thou vs (O excellent father) foꝛ thy infinite gꝛodnesse sake, vouchsafe that thy holy woꝛde may haue a perpetuall abyding in thy sacred Church, and suffer vs not to perish in this græuous persecution, but cause vs to bé delighted therein and to refresh our selues therwith, that foꝛsomuch as we are thy faythfull seruauntes, and haue no confidence at all in mans foꝛce, saue and defend vs thy owne selfe frō such perils as hang ouer our necks, thꝛough Iesus Chꝛist our Lord. Amen.

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Caph, Lamed.

OUr soules haue nowe fainted vs (O most good & merciful God) with carefull longing after thy blessed worde, so long as we hope both for helpe, and saluation at thy handes onely. Unto thée, I say, do we lift vp our handes day and night, to the entent thy faythfull seruaunts maye at length inioy their hoped promises, who in the meane season do desire to haue this graunted vs, that in no wise we be forgetfull of thy sacred lawe, whileſt thou delayeſt thy helpe in the middeſt of our grieuous calamities. And like as thy sacred lawe abideth stedfast in the most bewtifull furniture of the heauens, and by it a most firme stabilitie in the earth, and also that most commodious and goodly varietie of time perseuereth and hath his continuaunce: euen so we humbly beseeche thée, that it be not worne out of our heart and inward partes by any proceſſe of time, for vnleſſe our meditation be alwaies hereof, we shall easily perish in our sorowfull afflictions. Seeing then it is thy blessed worde which quickneth vs, (for if we giue credite thereto, we shall obteine both saluation

tion, and also know how to behaue our selues according to iustice, neyther shall we bée troubled at the iniuries which our aduersaries proffer vs: graunt O excellent father, that this may neuer slippe out of our remembraunce, but vouchsafe vs rather to sée an ende of all other things, then thy sacred woorde eyther to be forespent or ouerthrowne in thy blessed Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lamed, Mem.

WHosoeuer they bée that applye themselues to thy blessed woorde (O moste good and mercifull God) shall reape at length no small fruit and commoditie therby, for they shall not onely surmount their enimies in knowledge and vnderstanding of heauenly thinges, but also farre excell those which are had in great reputation, both for their learning, and also for the experience they haue attained vnto, by reason of their long life. To the intent therefore we be not depriued of so great a benefite, we humbly beseech thee, that (detesting vterly the lewdnesse of our heynous sinnes) we maye haue more felicitie in thy sacred

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wordes then in all other pleasures. And forsomuch as this life of ours is hedged in and compassed aboute on euerye side with blind ignorannce, we can not haue a meter lampe then thy diuine worde to lighten our mindes withall: mans way ought to be ordered and directed hereby, euen like a most clærre light, and that chiefly, when as the matter it selfe doth declare howe that euery one of ds doe beare his life alwayes in hys handes, by reason of the creáding great perils we are in. There want not euery where pupssaunt Champions of the aduersaries which lay a thousand snares for our life: wherefore wæ intreate thée so much as in vs lyeth, that thou wouldst stirreby our sinfull beartes to fulfill thy holy commaũdements which thou hast vouchedsafe to bewtify with so great promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mem, Nun.

THy diuine law and sacred wordes (O most mightie God) be of such force, as those which loue them and thinke continually thereof, become euery day wyser then other, and surmount all mortall men in

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vnderstanding, although they bée better learned and auncienter in yeares: which study is marueylous commodious to withdraw our fæte from the path of wickednes, and doth sometime confirme our fæble fotsteps, least they swarue peruersly from thy blessed commaundements. Forsomuch as therefore we haue miserably declined from thee in our former life, and shamefully sinned, which doth manifestly appéere in that wee haue neglected thy righteous wordes, louing promises, sacred ceremonies, and whole law. Wherefore wee ought not to wonder or complaine at all that thou doest at this present punish vs vniustly: but haue truely well deserued this (through oure naughtie and lewd behauiours) that so vniust and cruell enimies should rise vppe agaynst vs: for these things verily would not haue happened vnto vs, if wée had alwayes vsed thy blessed wordes and holy precepts as a Lanterne to our fæte: neuertheles our earnest request is (O good God) that thou wouldst (for thy infinite mercies sake) haue an especiall regarde to the grieuous daungers and perils whereinto our soule is now brought. Pardon, wée hartily

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beſeech thee, our heynous ſinnes, and make our heart meeke and forwarde to fulfill thy holy commaundements, ſo that thou mayſt deliuer vs from the ſnares which the enimies of thy bleſſed name haue layd to trap vs in, and ſuffer not thoſe whom thou haſt choſen and adopted into thy euerlaſting inheritaunce, to be vtterly oppreſſt and come to miſerable confuſion, through Ieſus chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

Samech, Ain.

SUch as be illumined with thy heauenly ſpirit (O moſt mightie God) do vtterly hate all manet of ſinne and iniquitie, and therfore haue thee for their ſure refuge and ſtrong ſhielde: becauſe they ſee them liue moſt bleſſedly and in great felicitie, whom thou doeſt ſtrengthen with thy puyſſaunt force and inuincible power, & ſuch as thou ſuſteyneſt and nouriſheſt be deliuered from moſt greeuous perilles, whereas contrariwiſe ſo many as fall from thee, and goe aſtray from thy bleſſed precepts, are horribly puniſhed. Our earneſt deſire is therefore, that (being moued by lyke perſwaſions) we maye both put our whole truſt in thee

onely, and also become most zealous in all thy holy commaundements. For fleſh and the power of our aduerſaries practiſe continuall enmitie againſt vs: let them not be of ſuch force as they may deſtroy vs, but make vs rather ſticke faſt vnto thy ſacred wordes, ſo that we may take as much delight in them as in the greateſt pleaſures: for the accompliſhing whereof it is verye nedefull that thou, of thy infinite mercye, doeſt inſtruct and teach vs. For ſeing the knowledge of diuine things can not be attayned vnto without thy good ſpirite, vouchſafe thou therefore thy owne ſelfe, that we may very perfectly vnderſtande thy ſacred law, and iudge thereof aright, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

Ain, Pe.

THy bleſſed wordes (O almightie God) are in all places ſo worthie of admiration, that they can not but bee regarded of the godly, therefore we earneſtly require thee, that thou (who art mercifull and plentious in goodneſſe) wouldeſt looke vpon vs altogither well appeaſed, and ſo frame our thoughts and deedes, that we giue no rome

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at all to vngodlinesse, then the which nothing is more vaine: for seing we be men, and therefore hedged in with a fleshly burthen, suffer not the waight thereof to ouerwhelme vs, but rather breath the spirite of repentance into our nostrelles, whereby we may shed forth most flowing riuers of teares for the faultes we haue euery where committed. For bicause thou art our exceeding rightuy Iudge, who neyther closest our sinnes, nor yet permittest them to go vnpunished: and seing that thy iudgements and lawes are stuft with so great vprightnesse, as nothing is conteyned in them, that any creature can by iust reason reproue or finde fault with (for siluer and golde tryed in the fire, matcheth not the pureneſſe of them.) Therefore we earnestly desire thee, that thou wouldest not onely cause vs to acknowledge them, but also obey the same so much as our feble & weake nature is able to doe, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pe, Zade.

O Vr minde (O most good and mercifull God) is verye much darckned euen of

nature infection, with a thicke mistinesse, so that it is not able to vnderstand thy holye commaundements perfectly: and we are of nature exceedingly bent vnto affections, which as they be displeasant to thee, so they marueylously like vs, and we cannot abide the scornings of the vngodly wherewith they vaunt themselues ouer vs when we do wholye applie our mindes to serue thy excellent Maiestie. We earnestly require thee therefore, that thou wouldst lighten our darkned mindes, asswage our lewde affections, and strengthen vs in such wise, that what reproch so euer shall hang ouer our heades for thy glorious Gospels sake, we may ouercome it with a stout courage. And cause vs to resist those which leasst at vs, with a stedfast hope and assured confidence we haue to thy louing promises, so that the naughtinesse of lewde lustes may be broken in peeces with the puyssant force of thy blessed truth. Let not any worldly power (moste deare father) be an impediment to vs, but that we may stedfastly defend thy holy precepts in the presence of all men be they neuer so glorious and wonderfull in their doings, which I beseech thee to

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make so pleasant and delectable vnto vs, as we may compt nothing in this life to be preferred before thē, neither any matter to be an hinderaunce, but ý we may performe the same with an ercéding chæreful mind, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cuph, Res.

WE require thee (O most mighty god) euen from the bottome of our heart, and with an vnfayned fayth, that we may be diligent obseruers of thy sacred law and holy commaundementes: for we are wonderfully prouoked to defile thy blessed precepts through the impulsion of fleshly motions, fiercenesse of our natiue corruption, and vices grafted in vs, but seing that we haue bound our selues with such a number of most grieuous and detestable sinnes, it is no maruaile, if thou (who best iustice and seuerities towards thy elect seruauntes) doest suffer vs to be thus tormēted and put in feare of Antichrist and his rascals. But now our earnest request is ý thou wouldest (for thy great goodnesse and infinit mercies sake) pardō whatsoeuer we haue grieuously committed against thee: and loke vpon the state of the Church, being in a ma-

ner rent and torne, with a marueylous lo-
uing eye & right fauourable countenaunce,
deliuering hir (according to thy accustomed
maner) from imminent perils, when as she
could not be preserued but by thy onely gui-
daunce and gouernment. It is méete (O
good God) that saluation shoulde be farre
from the vngodly who do vtterly dispise thy
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maundements: but it happeneth otherwise
to them that trust in thee, for they haue lo-
uing promises of their saluation, of all the
which, truth is the most excellent and no-
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maine without spot and vnviolated, defend
vs with thy owne handes when as we be
in great distresse and much perill for the
profession of thy glorious name, through
Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

Cuph, Res.

FOrsomuch as through fleshlye affection
(O moste good and mercifull God) we
are perswaded to receyue any thing rather
then thy diuine lawe, therfore haue we dai-
ly recourse vnto thee in our feruent praiers
that thou wouldest guide vs with thy holy
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ſpirite for the obſeruing therof. And to the intent our lamentable cryes may not be in vaine, ſoften thou our harts, and bow thou our mindes in ſuch wiſe, that they may care for nothing ſo much, as to obey thée in all things whatſoeuer they doe. We meditate vpon this one only matter at midnight, and in the dawning of the day, that whereas there wanteth no ſtore of thinges to drawe vs an other way, we may therefore be fortified with thy mighty protection agaynſt the ſame. And as thy bleſſed precepts be certaine and ſure, ſo cauſe vs to ſticke faſt vnto them: for whoſoeuer of a frowardneſſe ſwarue therefro, do ſtray farre from ſaluation: by meanes wherof, if this ſhall happen vnto vs through our infirmitie, lay to thy helping hande without any delaye, by rayſing vp vs that are fallen: and although our caſe be very naught, yet helpe vs wyth the warrant of thy bleſſed worde. For ſéing it is not vnbeknowne to thée (O excellent father) how many go about to deſtroy vs: therefore make thou ſpéedie haſt to bée our readie helper and deliuerer, by confirming thoſe moſt ſtedfaſtly which inuocate and cal vpon thée with moſt ſtedfaſt beliefe

in thy faythfull promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Schin, Tau.

THe Deuill verily, Antichrist, and puyssaunt Princes of this wretched worlde, do persecute thy blessed Church (O moste mightie God) without any offence giuen, who seeme in suche wise to vaunt themselues and wars furious agaynst godlinesse, as the faythfull bee not without iust cause greatly afrayde, whome nothing but thy worde is able to make mirry and restore to gladnesse againe: therefore stirre vs vp in such sort with thy blessed spirite, that wee may be alwayes wonderfull desirous thereof. For we certainly know that peace will insue, augment, & continue in them which loue thy sacred law, so that nothing verily shall be able at any time to doe them hurt, but if we be as nowe voyde of perfect peace and quietnesse of minde, the occasion without doubt must rise hereof, bicause we haue neglected thy holy worde, and slenderly followed thy diuine lawe. Pardon vs therefore, pardon we humbly beseech thee, what wicked and lewde thing soeuer wee haue com-

committed agaynſt thée, ſo that wée maye not decline anye moꝛe hereafter from the perfect waye of thy bleſſed commaundements: then may we clayme vnto our ſelues the true & ſubſtantiall delightes, wherin our ſoules may liue, yea and lead ſuch a pleaſant life, as they may by al meanes indeuour to ſet foꝛth thy moſt woꝛthie pꝛayſes. Foꝛ ſeeing that we haue wandꝛed hitherto like bꝛute beaſtes, therfoꝛe call thou vs away, O excellent father (who art our onely ſauiour) from the heynous errours and greeuous ſinnes we are infected withall, ſo that euery one of vs may be wholy addicted to obey thy ſacred will and holye commaundements, thꝛough Ieſus Chꝛiſt our Loꝛde. Amen.

Schin, Thau.

ALthough the malice and decepptes of thoſe which in the woꝛlde are alwayes aduerſaryes to thy gloꝛye (O almightie God) be both mightie and of great foꝛce againſt our feeble courage: yet notwithſtanding on the contrarie part, ſo great is the pleaſure which thy ſacred woꝛde bꝛingeth vnto vs, that it is nowe deerer vnto the godly

godly then anye ſpoyles bée they neuer ſo fatte, oꝛ then any pꝛay be it neuer ſo ritche: foꝛ they pꝛicke vs foꝛward to render day by day wonderfull pꝛayſes vnto thée. And this onely remayneth as a ſpeciall comfoꝛt that thou wilt not ſuffer vs to be depꝛiued of the ſaluation which we loke foꝛ at thy mercifull handes. Our earneſt requeſt is, that thou wouldeſt (foꝛ this cauſe) giue an attentiue and readie eare to our humble petitions, that foꝛſomuch as the righteouſneſſe of thy bleſſed law is in all pointes true and ſtedfaſt, furniſhe vs fully with this thy holy ſpꝛite, that whatſoeuer we haue nowe choſen to kéepe, thꝛough the grace thereof, we may accomplíſhe ſo much as our feble nature is able to do: and where the weakneſſe of the fleſhe fayleth, there let the inuincible powꝛer and notable ſtrength of thy holy ſpꝛirite ſupplie. We haue wandꝛed hitherto (O Lorde God) diuers wayes lyke fooliſh & miſled ſhéepe, foꝛ vnleſſe thou doeſt ſéeke vs out with a fatherly and ſhepherdlike pꝛouidence, we ſhall readily peꝛiſhe in our naughtineſſe: and therefoꝛe ſuffer vs not who are in verye great daunger, to walke any moꝛe in darkneſſe and amongſt

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eaueuing Wolues, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxx. Pſalme.

A prayer agaynſt the enimies of Gods diuine worde.

WE being wearied and ſore troubled (O almightie GOD) with moſt greeuous and exceeding perillous mishappes, as thou right well knoweſt, do daily flie vnto thy gracious mercies ſeate, humbly requiring thée to giue eare at length vnto the feruẽt prayers which we alwayes make, namely that thou wouldeſt deliuer thy bleſſed Church from the deceppts, lyes, and falſe ymaginations of Antichriſt and his retinue. For the blaſphemies, repproches, & ſlaunders wherewith they inuade and defame thy holy goſpell, may be compared to deadly ſharpe arrowes, and whot burning coles, through which the heartes of the godly are ſtriken wyth exceeding great ſorrowe, and their mindes bée inflamed with zeale and rightfull anger for the glorie of thy name. We acknowledge our ſelues verily to haue wel deſerued for to be troubled with ſuch vncleane infection and outragious peſtilence, becauſe

bicause we haue sinned moste heynously agaynst thée and thy diuine lawe. But our earnest request is that (of thy naturall and frée mercie wherewith thou art induced) we who are so greatly desirous of perfect peace, for the true honouring, sincere celebrating, and due setting out thy worthy prayse, may at length attaine thereto through thy most gracious fauour, fore agaynst their willes, which are chiefest enimies to the peace and tranquillitie of thy faythful, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

WE know by experience (O almightie God) howe great the affliction and miserie of the Church is, for the vices and lyes of corrupt opinions sakes which are brought into it. Wherefore we humbly beseech thée to deliuer hir from this kinde of calamitie: for we haue nowe at length begonne right well to vnderstande how decepptfull and craftie the seducementes of Antichrist hath bene hitherto. Cause henceforth the puyssaunt force and moste sharpe weapons of thy blessed worde to be present,

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whereby all the subtiltie of Sathan maye be confounded and brought to nought. Yea rather thurst thou in thy most mighty shaft (which thou vsest diuers tymes to punishe vngodlinesse withall) agaynst this pestilent plague, so that all malicious snares may thereby be consumed, as it were with moste whote burning coales: whereas otherwise, if thou doest not laye to thy moste strong and puissaunt hand, our pilgrimage shall be continued in wofull miseryes and sinfull wickednesse without end. For there is no hope of peace to be loked for where thy sacred truth is had in deadly contempt: yea rather it seemeth dayly to be the further of from thy blessed Church, the more lone and earnest desire she hath thereto. Seing therfore that it behoueth vs to wage continuall warre agaynst spirituall wickednesse, refuse not thou (O excellent father) redily to helpe such as vnfeynedly call vpon thee for the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxj. Psalme.

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A prayer in necessitie for Gods diuine preseruation.

WE looke for thy assistant helpe (O most mightie God) with an ercéeding heauinesse of minde in these our most troublesome mishaps, eleuating our eyes to thee onelye, through whose mightie power, like as we knowe that heauen and earth was created, so also our assured hope is that thou canst deliuer vs from these present misehiefes. Verilye we acknowledge our sinnes to be such as they haue deserued to bée punished with these sore afflictions and grœuous chastisements. For we haue not yelded due honor and reuerence vnto thee when as thou didst call vs to the profession of thy sacred gospel, but seking our owne profite onely, haue miserably neglected thy renowmed honour and famous glory. Wey not therefore (O god GOD) this our ingratitude and wickednesse committed: but (for thy infinite mercies sake) kœpe our fœte from falling, by setling them so in thy holy lawe and sacred commaundementes, as they swarue not at all therfro. Moreouer sœme not to slumber or slœpe touching the defence and preseruation of thy blessed Church being so sore afflicted. If it hath bœne thy accusto-

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mable maner to defende thy faythfull ser-
uaunts from the heate of the Sunne in the
day tyme, and from the colde of the Mone
in the night, dispise not vs that suffer so ma-
ny and great tormentes through the furie
and outragious wodnesse of Antichrist:
preserue not onely our soules and life from
his subtile deuices, but especially maintain
thou thy pure religion, which he doth most
of all fight against. For our earnest request
is that thou wouldest so direct the begyn-
nings and endings of our doinges, in the
true pathes of thy blessed cōmaundements,
as they may perpetually abyde in the per-
fect rule thereof, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

SO long as wee (O almightie God) are
tormented with these sorrowfull & most
troublesome times, our heartes and eyes
are erected to thee onelye, as vnder whose
dominion we doubt not but the chiefe force
of all thinges consisteth, whereby we are
greatly inflamed lamentably to requyre thy
readie helpe. For by what most excellent
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power thou hast formed the heauen and earth, it is nowe very needefull for thée to helpe thy blessed Church with the same, when it is in a maner swalowed vp with the most noysome Jawes of hir cruell enimies. Suffer not (wée humbly beséech thée) the féete of our fayth to stagger or folter: for of it selfe (such is the infirmitye wherewith we are clothed rounde about) it is weake and wauering ynough. We truly fell first from thée, and swarued wretchedly from the law and decrées of thy blessed wil: but vouchsafe, we humbly beséech thée, not to deale with vs according to our worthinesse, but after thy vnspeakable goodnesse and most excellent mercie, preseruing the Church, being well hedged in and compassed about with thy puyssaunt defence, for if thou shouldest forsake hir (who art otherwise the keeper of Israell) shée can in no wise indure. But if it be bereft and spoiled of thy mightie protection, then through whose care and industrie maye shée bée preserued? Graunt that we maye gather our wittes to vs and call them backe vnto thée, to the intent thou mayest not onely be our defender, but also the preseruer of

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all that euer we haue, through Jesus christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

FOrsomuch as we are alwayes subiect to aduersities (O most mightie god) during this wretched life, therfore do we loke euery where about vs with our eyes, frō whence sound and perfect helpe might be ministred vnto vs: and thou before all things mǽtest with our fayth. For sæing we right well know that all creatures were made by thǽ euen from the beginning, and that thou nourishest with thy perpetuall godnesse, both celestiall powers, and also terrestriall: we humbly besǽche thǽ, that whereas otherwise thy high and excellent prouidence is not vsed to be interrupted, thou wouldst shewe thy selfe to be a most vigilant shepheard towards vs. Let thy louing fauour (we heartily pray thǽ) be euery where our sure defence, that we burne not with to feruent an heate of filthye lustes, or (through coldnesse of infidelitie graft in our sinfull heartes (both the loue we ought to beare towards our neighbours, and also the god-

ly deuotion which of right is due to thée, be not vtterly extinguished. O that we might by dayly prayer and intercession, obteyne to be kept pure by thée from all infection of vices, so that our lyfe maye be such, as eyther by our going or comming, we may be both clensed from our wicked faultes and also, plentiously garnished with most excellent vertues, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxij. Psalme.

A prayer that the christian Church may through hope & charitie) be reared.

The Godly do continually stirre vp one another to make holy assemblies (O almightie God) with wonderfull exhortations, wherein thy blessed name is lifted vp with high prayses, the faythfull instructed in thy sacred words, and thy holye Sacraments duly receyued. Nowe forsomuch as wee see presently before our eyes that this is in a maner hindered by Antichrist, to our exceeding great sorow, for (like a naughtie packe and cast away as he is) he practiseth nothing else, but that the holy Hierusalem which is newlye begunne to be edified and repayred, should fall

fall to decaye againe and be vtterlye ouer-
throwne, to the intent the pure worship-
ping and holye inuocating of thy blessed
name might haue no more place there. We
earnestly and with a feruent minde and be-
hement affection humbly beseeche thee (O
most excellent father) who well considerest
how great a broyle and trouble he maketh,
that thou wouldst cause those things for to
haue good successe, which appertaine vnto
the quietnesse of Jerusalem, being thy holy
and santified Churche, our vnseemely de-
serts somewhat layde apart. For sithing we
do exceeding filthily transgresse and moste
lewdly defile thy sacred lawes, we ought of
right to assure our selues of no good thing.
But when as we haue an especiall regard
to the honor of thy glorious name, then ta-
king a courage again, we do boldly require
thee, that thou wouldest be present with thē
which are assembled together in the name
of Jesus Christ, and do call vpon thée ther-
by, to the entent we may one day repose our
selues in the true Hierusalem, being quite
deliuered from the furious and violent in-
uasion of Antichrist. And cause that those
Citizens which doe credite the sacred doc-

trine of thy holy Church may by thy excellent benefites become friendes and faythful brethren one to an other, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

ALthough the holy Scriptures doe teach vs euery where that the heauē (O most good and mercifull God) is thy dwelling place, yet the same doe in such wise set out thy infinit goodnesse, as the Church is both called, and also is in deede thy sanctified house wherein thou most frequentest: at what time therefore we shall come togither in the holy congregations, our earnest request is that we may be there with chearfull and very desirous mindes. For thou truly hast (of an exceeding liberalitie) adorned thy holy Church with most flourishing and excellent giftes, neyther is there any thing pretermitted that apperteyneth to hir garnishing, which maye eyther belong to the spirituall decking and bewtifyng thereof, or to the plenteous inriching of it in abundaunce of all heauenly good things. Which seing they haue proceeded most fully from

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thée, this only remayneth, that thou wouldest so condiscend vnto our feruent prayers, as the members therof may be annixed together with a perpetuall concorde: cause their mætinges to bée in such sort as they may render due honor vnto thée, let the sacred scriptures be there purely and sincerely interpreted, and let thy glorious Kingdome from day to day be more and more inlarged, making all these things to be stablished with thy ioyous peace and the tranquilitie of thy holy spirite. For so long as we pray for the quietnesse and felicitie hereof, let vs procure substantiall and perfect good things both to our neighbours, and also vnto thy blessed house, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxiij. Psalme.

A prayer for the mercies of God.

THere remayneth no greater helpe for thy faythful seruaunts (O most mightie God) then that which cõmeth from heauen: for the puissant force of Antichrist and his deuilish practises haue so greatly preuayled, as true godlynesse, and the right honoring of thée are in a

maner extinguished and vtterlye ouer-throwne. Wherefore lift we vp our eyes to heauen vnto thée, to the intent thy helping hand may reuiue vs againe, and that wée may escape out of so manyfold great daungers. For as the eyes of seruauntes and maydes looke vnto their Maisters and Mistresses: euen so doe our eyes wayte vppon thee, being the onely refuge of our saluation: that like as they do wholy depende and hang vpon their Maisters and Mistresses, so do we crie dayly to thée vntill thou haue mercy vppon vs. Bée not thus exceeding wrathfull and angry at our wickednesse, wherewith we are little better then ouerwhelmed, that thou dooest lesse regarde the glorie of thy name, then the reuenging of them. Pardon we humbly beseech thée, thy poore suppliants, that they may be nothing destitute of thy infinite mercy and singuler goodnesse. Haue pitie vpon vs (O good god) in these miserable dayes, be fauourable vnto vs, who knowe right well with what troubles and reproches thy holy Church is euery where sore touched. Let not the arrogancie and dispitefulnesse of the wicked passe any further, being now so puft vppe

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without measure through the prosperous succesſe of the matters they take in hande, as mans power is nothing able to asswage the same. Make thou therfore (who art invincible and omnipotent) an ende of their outragious madneſſe, and kepe them within their bounds, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

ALthough thou hast appoynted thy seate and dwelling place (O moſte good and mercifull God) to be in the passing highe heauens, yet notwithstanding thou neuer ceaſeſt to styre vs vp with thy holy spirite, whereby thou instructeſt the heartes of the faythfull, who at what tyme we be tryed with heauineſſe of mind, perilsome tribulations, and daungerous perils, indeuor our selues both by our earneſt prayers and continuall petitions to craue helpe at thy handes onely. Now therefore, like as seruants are attendant onely at the handes of their Maysters, and handmaydes wayt diligently vpon their Mistreſſe hande, euen so the eyes of our layth looke onely vppon thee (O

heauenly father) and shall alwayes hereafter haue a due regarde to thy diuine Maiestie vntill thou hast mercie vpon vs. Be fauorable vnto vs we humbly beseeche thee, according to thy accustomable mercie and louing kindnesse, neyther suffer the force of our fierce aduersaryes to haue thy faythfull seruantes in contempt and make vs a iesting stock. We doubt not but thou knowest right well that the mightie and highe minded of this wretched worlde doe with much arrogancie both hate and dispise thy holy and sanctified Church. Wherefore our earnest request is, that thou wouldest speedily lay to thy readie helping hand, not permitting hir neyther to be polluted with superstitious and deuilishe errors, nor yet oppressed by Sathan or force of the vngodlye, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

LOke downe from heauen vpon vs (O most excellent father) who doe eleuate and lift vp our eyes to thee onely, earnestly requyring that thou wouldest defend vs by thy readie helpe from the great perilles where-

wherewith we be at this preſent ſore vexed. For ſéing thou haſt created vs, and wée be duly and rightfully thine: lord (of thy infinit goodneſſe) diſpiſe not thou thy ſeruants who loke for helpe at thy handes onely in this their néedfull tyme. We acknowledge verily, we confeſſe I ſay, that we haue (by reaſon of our heynous ſinnes and great offences committed againſt thée) deſerued theſe things which are now fallen vpon vs. But our feruent deſire is, that thou hauing compaſſion vppon thy louing ſeruauntes, wouldſt pardon (for thy great goodneſſe and infinite mercies ſake) what things ſoeuer they offend thée in them. Wey not (O good God) our vnworthineſſe, but conſider the rebukes and ſlaunders wherewith thou art touched in vs. For whileſt the wicked enimies do ſtirre vp blaſphemies againſt thy faythfull people, they doe wrong, not vnto vs, but to thy glorious name, when as they rage by force of armes and great violence, they chiefly ſhote at ỹ ouerthrowing of thy true honor, ſincere religion, and moſt bleſſed worde: theſe are the thinges which they meane to take vtterly away, if they might haue ſucceſſe. For ſo long as they perceyue

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themselues to abounde in much strength, and doe whatsoeuer it pleaseth them, they become marueylous high minded, and thy Church being troubled by them, is put to an exceeding great foyle, which hath none to flie vnto for helpe, but thee onely who art their Lord. Driue thou away these iniuries and mischieuous cuilles which they bring vpon vs, we humbly beseech thee: for nothing is required in this behalfe, but that thou wouldest defende the honor and glorie of thy true doctrine and sacred gospel, least the wicked make a laughter hereat. Graūt (O good God) that those men may one day feele the force of thy blessed veritie, so as they shall will they nill they, acknowledge thee to bee a God of might, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxiiij. Psalme.

A prayer against violence and deceypt.

VNlesse thou doest assist vs (O most mightie God) with thy puyssaunt power and readie helping hande, the Antichristians are so bent to rise vp agaynst thy faythfull people, as they seeme to committe nothing more then to swallow

ſwallow vs all vppe euen quicke: whoſe wodneſſe is in ſuch wiſe kindled, that (if thou puttest not to thy helping hande) they are like to conſume and deuoure vs, which truely we can not denie but hath borne of our partes iuſtly deſerued, if we well wey and conſider our owne ſinnes. For what ſcourge and tormentes can we deeme that thou ordeynest vniuſtly for vs, weying ſo great ingratitude as we haue ſhewed towardes thee: who haue borne ſuch tranſgreſſors of thy holy commaundements, as there is no penaltie ſo great, but that we both are worthie therof, and alſo ſeeme ſo to be. For although thou wilt not be preſent to helpe thy ſacred Church for our ſakes, yet do it for the glory of thy name, leaſt the moſt raging riuers do ouerwhelme and choke it vp with their ouerflowing and violence of waters: turne away (we heartily require thee) their mouthes and teth from thy holy ones, leaſt they teare them in peeces like vnto a pray: who verily hunt for nothing elſe by their ſubtilties and lewde practiſes, then to catch and ſnarle in the trappes of their vngodlyneſſe thoſe which haue addicted themſelues to thy bleſſed

wordes, to the pourging of the true worshipping of thee, and to a more sincere and pure maner of religion. Make hast therfore (O good God) to be our spædie helper, and deliuer vs from the Nettes of such cruell hunters. But vouchsafe thou (we humbly beseeche thee) who hast made heauen and earth, that we may impute our whole saluation vnto thee only, and none other, thorow Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

PLeese, thou thy owne selfe (O most good and mercifull God) doest at this present suppresse and kæpe vnder the fury and madnesse of the Antichristians, in such sort as they be not able to accomplish those things which they haue now enterprised and deuised amongst themselues, they will swallow vp thy sacred Church whole and quicke: who doe in such wise rise vp, gnash their tæth, rage, & swell for anger, as thy faythfull seruants are nowe in a maner almoste drowned of them, vnlesse thou doest verye spædily asswage and thrust back the stormc of vngodlinesse,

lineſſe, & huge waues of the deuill. Turne away thy furious wrath from vs (we hartily pray thee) O heauenly father, and punish not thée wickednesse which we haue committed agaynſt thée, according to our iuſt deſerts: who doe not this onely to the intent thou ſhouldeſt conſider our worthineſſe, but that thou mightest not ſayle thy owne name, thy pure doctrine, and thy faythfull promiſes. Graunt that we may once ſay, verily our God is to be magnified and prayſed, which will not ſuffer hys bleſſed Church to bée diſperſed of wicked mens outragious crueltie, but hath taken hir from the ſnares and Jawes of vngracious perſons, by his excéding famous and moſt puyſſant arme. Cut their Nettes aſunder, let their naughtie enterpriſes bée fruſtrated, and make their force to fayle them, who do nowe greatly terrifie all ſuch (O good God) as ſtand in feare of thée: let vs looke for helpe at thy mercifull handes onelye who hath made heauen and earth. Wherefore our earneſt petition and hartie requeſt, is, that thou wouldeſt (of thy finguler mercie and excellent clemencie) yéld thy ſelfe pliable to our feruent prayers, through

thzough Jesus Thzist our Lozd. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

SUch as belong to thy heritage, and are the true Israell, must nedes confesse with vs (O most mightie God) that vnlesse we had bene preserued and holpen by thy singuler fauour and mightie power, we should haue bene swallowed vp and vtterly consumed to nothing more then once, by the fierce enimies of our saluation. For if we loke for helpe else where to succor vs, we know assuredly that it is of no force at all. The violence and outrage of those men which do grieuously assault vs, is lyke most swift streames of water that doe sodainly ouerflow the fielders, whose outragious crueltie may be fully compared to the fiercenesse of brute beastes, which men also vse such craftie and couert snares to trap vs in, as the fowlers and hunters are nothing comparable vnto them herein, but seeme very simple, & farre theyr inferiors. Wherfore (according to our bounden duetie) we render condigne thankes vnto thee, forsomuch as thou hast hitherto deliuered thy simple

simple and feble flocke from so great perillous daungers, and requeſt this at thy mercifull hands, that thou wouldſt in lykewise not ſuffer thy ſacred Church hereafter to bee ouerthrowne, neither by outragious violence, nor yet through ſubtile deceipt, ſo as our aſſured cõfidence in thee may be dayly more and more greatly augmented and mightily increaſed, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxv. Pſalme.

A prayer for the preſeruation and long continuance of fayth.

FOrſomuch as mannes helpe (O moſt good and mercifull God) is verye weake, wonderfull vncertain, and meruelous deceyuable, we are euidẽtly taught to repoſe our whole confidence in thee onely, vnto whom whoſoeuer they bee that doe annire themſelues, they neuer go nor yet wander out of the right way. Thou therefore which haſt promiſed to ſtabliſhe Mount Sion (being thy holy Church) in ſuch wiſe with thy mightie protection, as it maye abide for euer agaynſt all the craftie aſſaultes and layings awayte of hir outragious aduerſaries: haue

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the like regarde (wée humbly beséech thée) to the same at this présent, neither permit the rod of the vngodly to ware fierce vpon hir. For if it bée inforced to bée in subiection to thy wicked enimies, euen they also which same godly men shall fall redily into impietie. Punish our sinnes, O god GOD, (which be great and grieuous) with an other maner of chastisement and correction: for we do desire no more at this tyme, but that we may not be oppressed by Antichrist, requiring thée to defend the congregations of thy faythfull inuironing them about on euery side lyke most defenceable Mountaynes, so that the wicked aduersaries of thy glorious name haue no power to make hauocke of them at their will and pleasure. Deale louingly & fauorably in these dayes wt such as be greatly desirous of godnesse and vpright dealing: but cause those to féele and haue in tryall what the workers of iniquitie doe deserue, whose mindes are not onelye wrapped altogither full of vngodlinesse, by practising mischiefe & naughtinesse, but also indeuour so much as in thē lyeth, that thy blessed worde may no where flourish, that true religion might be vtterly

ly extinguished, and the perfect inuocating and calling vpon thy glorious name quite rooted vp. But as for thy beloued Israell, after she hath inioyed peace and tranquilitie, let it be ioyned more and more vnto thee, so as she maye continually lay sure holde vpon thy worthie prayses, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

IN whose minds soeuer the beliefe of thy faythfull promises (O moste mightie God) is assuredly grafted and firmely established, they being like vnto wel grounded Mountaynes, do nothing shake in troublesome tymes, but their constancie and vnremoueablenesse is of such force, as their assured hope is, that they be no lesse armed with thy mightie protection and sure defence, then was the Citie of Ierusalem inuironed with a rampire of Mountaynes which do ouerlooke it rounde aboute on euery side. Now therefore when as the mischiefe and flame of the vngodlye is occupied on this one poynt, how to scatter the Church and to oppresse it, assist the same (O excellent

father) and make it manifeſt vnto hir what a ſinguler loue thou beareſt therto. But if (as we openly and with a ſincere fayth acknowledge and confeſſe) our horrible naughtineſſe haue deſerued, ỹ (being depriued and left deſtitute of thy ayde) we ſhould be giuen ouer into the wodneſſe and cruell handes of the Antichriſtians: wey not, we humbly beſæch thée, what our miſdéedes do rightly deſerue, but haue a regard how we are cõmitted vnto thæ, & that thou art put in truſt with vs in chriſt: neyther ſhew thy ſelfe wrathful contrary to thy old and auncient cuſtome, whereby thou neuer gaueſt libertie to the tyranny of wicked perſons to perſecute the godly any long time, leaſt if thy vpright iudgements ſhould be prolonged, they perhaps (who are righteous) may be boloned to reuolt therefro, and yælde to naughtineſſe, as ỹ cõmon ſort do. Be thou (O moſt mighty god) good, louing, & merciful vnto theſe men whoſe earneſt deſire it is to haue the zeale of godlineſſe impʒinted in their hearts, and ertend thy indignation rather vpon thoſe which thinke and do nothing but rather that which is lewde, vnrighteous, and wicked. But preſerue and

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increase (for thy infinite mercies sake) the accustomable peace of thy beloued Israell, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

WHosoeuer do giue credit to thy sacred truth (O almightie God) as becommeth them, remaine irremoueable like vnto stedfast Mountaynes, and moste strong rockes, what great stormes of temptations soeuer the deuill or worlde doe styrre vp agaynst them: for as Cities be fortefied and raunged euery where about with thick rampires, strong walles, huge towers, and high hilles, so God doth, as with a shield defend those whom he greatly fauoureth, and which are his elect seruaunts, and garneth them also like an enclosing strong Bulwarke. Therefore do we not without iust cause (O excellent father) call earnestly vpon thee, that thou doest not permit the vngodly to poure out their crueltie vppon the Church of the righteous, least if such as be yet weaklings amongs the faythfull, see the prosperitie of wicked persons, they also of an euill zeale, begin to follow their lewd

vices and most grœvous sinnes. Wherefore rather defend and aduaunce (we heartily pray thée) thy blessed saintes, and be favourable vnto them, whom thou hast now appoynted to followe thée with a perfect mind and vncorrupt faith. But beat downe such with thy puyssaunt strength & mightie power, as bée enimies to godlinesse and the honor of thy glorious name, so that thy sacred Church (which is the holy Israell) bée not defrauded of the ioyfull saluation thée liketh for at thy mercifull handes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxvj. Psalme.

A prayer that we may bee deliuered frō thraldome, & attaine to the glory of god.

SVrely the thraldome and bondage of thy blessed church (O most good and mercifull God) hath bene hitherto exceeding hard beyonde all measure, being sore oppressed vnder the tyrannie of Antichrist, and yet notwithstanding, thou (of thy infinite goodnesse) hast redeemed it to our wonderfull comfort, and the great hope of others which as yet haue an carnest desire to the attayning of Christian libertie. We at this present heartily beseech

beſeech thée (that at what time the deuill and power of the aduerſarie ſéeme by all the meanes they can deuiſe to bende their force for to hinder the good workes which is begunne) not to be forgetfull of thy Churches captiuitie, from which thou haſt after a ſort begunne to reſtore the ſame, who verily hath behaued hir ſelfe ſo vnthankfully towardes thée, as one that made ſmall accompt of the benefites beſtowed vpon hir, according to their worthineſſe. But forſake hir not (for thy accuſtomed mercies ſake) before thou haſt fully repayred in hir ꝑ which remayneth as yet to be reſtored thereto, yea rather vouchſafe to beſtowe vpon the ſame (as on fieldes wanting moyſture at none tyme) the moſte ſwift ſtreames of thy heauenly grace, & flowing waters of thy bleſſed ſpirite, to the intent we maye with abundaunt gladneſſe reape the pleaſant fruite of the prayers which we doe now ſowe with teares: ſo as the heathen which behold theſe calamities with a doubtfull minde, wherewith the outragious enimies of thy glorious name do ſore oppreſſe vs, may at length openly publiſh that thou haſt dealt honourably with thy faythfull ſeruants by which

meanes we may (after these greeuous sorrowes bee ended) inioy not onely suche a gladnesse as we woulde willingly wishe, but also a very healthfull comfort, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

SEing it is thy most auncient accustomable maner, O almightie God, to aid and helpe such as vnfeinedly trust in thee (by thy wonderfull and singuler prouidence) when as they be fallen into greatest distresse, so that thou sendest them deliuerance euen when they least looke for it, seeming rather to inioy the same as a dreame then lyke a matter of truth: we haue no dispayre at all of thy sacred Church, being almost without hope of recouery, who know right wel that it is a light thing to thee, yea and exceeding easie, to fill our mouth with laughter and our tongue with ioy, in suche wise as our cruell enimies shall be inforced to say whether they will or not, that these mens God hath vndoubtedlye done wonderfull great thinges for them, at what tyme he caused those his seruants to inioy a notable com-

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ſort and marueylous delectation, euē when they were without hope thereof. Our earneſt requeſt is therefore that thou wouldſt, for thy infinite mercies ſake, pardon the offences wherewith wee haue ſtubburnlye (through our outragious madneſſe, feeble imbecillitie, and naturall corruption) prouoked thée to extréeme anger, ſo that wée obteyning againe at thy mercifull handes the auncient fauour and benеuolence, may finde no leſſe alteration of our eſtate, then thoſe which being parched wᵭ a Southerne drought and ſuch ardent burning as is at noone day, may be moyſted with a freſhe and ſodeyne abundaunce of waters vnlooked for. And what things ſoeuer we ſowe with teares, graunt vs (we heartily praye thée) to reape them at length with great ioy and gladneſſe, ſo that finally we may haue moſt plentifull fruites of conſolation out of the prayers wée (in moſte humble wiſe) poure out dayly before thée, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

When it happeneth at any tyme (O moste good and mercifull God) that thou of thy singuler goodnesse, doest vtterly deliuer thy sacred Church from the captiuitie and thraldome of the deuill, and that it beholdeth al thy members and hirs quite set frée from fond errours and blinde darkenesse, then shall it be replenished with such gladnesse as shée shall rather thinke howe shée dreameth of that great good thing, then verily to inioy the same. At what time shée maye well say that shée is merry in déede, and shall be indued with perfect gladnesse, neither shall shée not onely render immortall thankes and prayses vnto thée, but also euery man will marualle at the bigh and mightie things thou hast done for hir. Our earnest request is therfore, that thou wouldst now at length condiscend vnto the accomplishment of these thinges, and exceédingly fauour hir captiuitie being thus miserable and of such long continuaunce: deliuer thy faythfull seruants from obscure darknesse, and vnlose the bandes of thy accustomed louing kindnesse wherewith thou hast redéemed the children of Adam which are so long a tyme in bondage and thraldome:

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and with the liuely waters of thy benigne grace cause thou the barrennesse and thirsty soyle of our soule to be right pleasaunt and fertile, so that the wofull teares which the godly did sowe and poure out in the time of their captiuitie, may bring them at length to their desired toyes, and that such (as with great sorrow and beauinesse) haue hitherto sowne the séede of feruent prayers and dolefull sighings, may with very much ioy and marueilous pleasure reape the sound fruits of true godlinesse and pure religion, thorow Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxvij. Psalme.

A prayer for sustentation and safe keping

IT is out of all controuersie, and a matter agreed vpon among al godly persons, that no family can be well ordered, or any common welth rightly gouerned, vnlesse thou (O moste mightie god) doest further and prosper their procedings. We therefore who are not ignorant but thou wilt do farre better for thy holy Church then for any house of honour, or most large Citie of this worlde, knowe assuredly that the same can by no meanes

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continue without thy mighty preseruatiō, and that especially in this tyme, when as both so many of the deuils engines, and also of Antichristes subtile polletes, do much inuade vs. For that thing therefore which could not be atchieued by the painfull labour, carefull watchings, and great industrie of men, we do most earnestly require of thee (O heauenly father) by continuall praiers, who hast bene accustomed to graūt vnto thine, as it were in their slæpe, the thing which sæmed otherwise to bæ exceæding difficult and almost impossible. First and formost, take away our græuous iniquities which are the chiefest let and stay why thou releauest not the present wretchednesse and miserable calamitie we are in, for it is they and none other thing that do disseuer and withdraw vs from hauing confidence in thy vnspeakable mercie. Now at what tyme thou shalt haue pardoned them (as our earnest desire is, that thou wouldst) be so good as to increase thy blessed Church with a plentifull issue: for if thee shall ingender children vnto thée, let them (who are worthie of thée and thy blessed spirite) be sent out lyke arrowes, through

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thy inuincible arme agaynſt the outragi-
ous enimies of godlyneſſe and doctrine of
the ſacred Goſpell: but cauſe the vncorrup-
ted Congregations and aſſemblies to haue
a companie of valiaunt and ſtrong men,
who (ſo long as they take vpon them to de-
fende thy ſincere truth both in worde and
deede) may neither be aſhamed, nor yet once
ſhrinke backe therefro, through Ieſus chriſt
our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

ALL our force and enterprices are of none
effect (O almightie God) without thy
eſpeciall grace and fauour: for if no priuate
houſe can be maintayned, or any Citty build-
ded, excepte thou layeſt to thy preſent helpe
and gracious good will, howe much leſſe
then may the bleſſed Church bee rectified,
enlarged and ſet at a ſtay, vnleſſe thou bee
marueylous readie to aſſiſt the ſame with
thy holye ſpirite and benigne grace: men
haue labored in vaine, their riſing vp early,
and holding long faſtings, ſhall be to none
effect & vainly and to no purpoſe ſhall they
conſpend theſelues with toiles & troubles.

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Wherefore wée earnestly intreat thée (O good God) that thy diuine presence & mightie power bée not farre from vs in any of our attempts and enterprises. For what thing verily soeuer hath béene at anytime gathered vp and repayred of the ruines of the Church, it taketh no good successe without thee, yet rather thou hast giuē the same to thy labourers as it were in their slæpe, making it such a thing by thy secrete and wonderfull meanes, as humane strength (if it were duly considered) is altogither insufficient to so puyssant a worke. But séeing we haue béene nowe very vngratefull, and most lewdly abused so great and manifold benefites, thou hast not without iust cause begunne to vere vs with exceeding grieuous troubles, from which mennes painefull trauayle and subtill pollecie are of no abilitie to deliuer vs. Make thou hast therefore, for thy accustomed mercies sake, (when we thinke least hereof, or iudge our selues to be in daunger of many perils) to vntangle those which flie vnto thy diuine Maiestie, that being set at libertie, we may acknowledge thee to be the onely Authour of true and perfect saluation, through Jesus

ſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

BEcauſe ſo manie as enterpꝛice any thing without thy eſpeciall aſſiſtance and fauourable good will (O moſt gracious and mercifull God) do labour to no purpoſe and trouble themſelues in vaine, and that they which haue not thee for theyꝛ readie helper, cannot ſaue and defende themſelues from their cruell enimies: therefoꝛe ſeing (that both thy Church ſtandeth alwayes in very great neede of building, and the City of our congregation is deſtitute and voyde of defence) we cal vpon thee onely to be our couragious helper, who art readie to ayde the builders, and canſt ſtrongly defend the baliaunt fighters. But to the intent we may the readilier attain the ſame, multiplie (we earneſtly requiꝛe thee) the iſſue of thy ſacred church, which may be ſent out as arrowes to rayſe it vppe every where by thy bleſſed woꝛde, and be made ſo ſkilfull and well pꝛactiſed in handling thy layinges, that when thoſe thinges bee done which apperteyne to theyꝛ vocation, they maye by no meanes be put to ſhame and rebuke of the

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most godlesse and vnfaithfull persons, thorow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxviij. Psalme.

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IF no good thing or any kinde of felicity can happen to any but to such as feare God and reuerence him, and to those, which (through a perfect lyfe) walke faythfully in the wayes of his blessed commaundements, the matter is nowe manifested vnto vs why we are thus vexed with grée uous calamities. For whereas thou of thy infinite mercie (O almightie God) hast giuen vs a comfortable and wholesome doctrine, we haue performed nothing lesse then honoured thee as is our bounden dutie: who haue set more by our owne filthie desires, then the feare of thee & due reuerence of thy glorious name, by casting aside the ordinaunces of thy blessed precepts. Wherefore there is no cause why we should complaine that afflictions are wrongfully layde vpon vs at any time. Pardon we hartily pray thée, our grée uous iniquities and mischieuous dée des, and renue in vs (for thy infinite mercies sake) perfect

fect feare, true godlineſſe, and holy conuerſation. Finally ſhine downe out of Sion (that is, from thy exceeding high light, and ſuch as can not be attayned vnto) vpon thy afflicted Church, and deliuer the ſame from the number of perils which ſhe is in daunger of. But forſomuch as thou haſt coupled hir vnto thée to be thy wife by faith, graunt that ſhe may haue an infinite companie of holy children: let hir be as a vine ſpreading it ſelfe farre abroad, which Antichriſt maye not with all his induſtrie be of force to cut and hewe downe. For thée require thys chiefly at thy mercifull handes (O moſt excellent father) that thou wouldeſt indue thy heauenly Hieruſalem with good & wholeſome things, and ſend peace and tranquilitie vpon thy true Iſraell, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

Thy ſacred word (O moſt good and mercifull God) doth teach vs that godlineſſe onely maketh men right happie and bleſſed. For the feare and dread wherwith godly men doe reuerence thée, is an effectuall bridle

bridle to cause them for to procede fully in the way of thy righteousnesse. But because this vertue is a singuler ornament of thy beloued church, our earnest request is, that there may be continuall labouring in the same by doctrine and example to nurter thy blessed children, so that the workes be not in vaine, or to none effect. Let her be dayly made like vnto a mosse fruitfull woman, that may be compared to the ranke Olives and exceeding fertile vines: which vnspeakable happie giftes we mistrust not but thou wilt one day bestowe readily vppon vs, if from the seate of thy Maiestie, it shal please thee to behold the congregation of the faithfull with thy mercifull eye, because al things that apperteyne to true and perfect felicitie, come from the will of thy inestimable goodnesse. For seing we doubt not but this redowneth to ỹ honor of thy glorious name, (that a continuall offspring of thy deere children shoulde bee multiplied in the blessed Church, and become notable in peace, in prayses, and in puritie of life) we heartily require thee in our most feruent prayers to obteine the same, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶A prayer out of the. Cxxix. Pſalme.

A prayer agaynſt the counterfeit holineſſe of ſuch as wolde be iuſtified by their woꝛkes.

THou knowꝛeſt (O moſte gwd and mercifull God) howe greatly the enimies of thy gloꝛyous name haue ſought continuallye agaynſt thy ſacred Church, and alwayes troubled the ſame from hir infancie, yet notwithſtanding thou haſt done this of thy ſinguler fauoꝛ thou bareſt therevnto, that hir aduerſaryes coulde neuer pꝛeuaile agaynſt hir, who diddeſt it foꝛ this intent, bicauſe thy faythfull pꝛomiſes ſhould be accompliſhed. They ſæmed diuers and ſundꝛy times to thꝛuſt the ſhare of affliction verye dæpe into hir backe, who (hauing a marueylous obſtinate heart) purpoſed to make erꝛæding long ridges vpon the ſame. But thou O gwd God of thy perfect iuſtice, haſt alwaies cut a ſunder the coꝛdes of the vngodly in pæces. Wherefoꝛe we nowe heartily beſæch thæ not to regard our wicked factes, but the gloꝛie of thy name. Foꝛ if thou ſhouldeſt deale with vs accoꝛding to oure woꝛthineſſe, we do not onely deſerue ſuch painefull miſeries, and ſoꝛowfull calami-

ties, but much more grieuouser. Yet (for thy infinite mercies sake) poure not out thy furious wrath on vs, but vpon the vngodly, let them be confounded and turned backeward, and graunt that they maye quickly wither euen as the grasse, before they bee any thing able to bring their lewde enterprises to an end: whose deserts are not such as we ought to pray for their good successe, seeing their practises bee exceeding naught. But now cause the Church of thy faythfull people, to inioye some blessing of peace and tranquilitie, through Iesus Christ our lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

The assaultes of thy faythfull people (O moste good and mercifull God) be not onely very many and diuers, but they are also continually tempted, and be inforced to fall into vtter destruction: for the deuill and power of our fierce aduersaries desire nothing more, then to turne thy Image vnto them from the purpose thou hast ordeyned it for. And therefore we heartily crie and call vnto thee (who hast an incomprehensible

hensible mercie toyned with thy exceeding great Iustice) that thou wouldest, for the intire good will and louing fauour thou beareſt vnto vs, breake a ſunder the ſlithe coardes of temptations, and teare in peeces the ſubtile ſnares of ſuch as lay deceyptfull trappes to ſnarle vs in, ſo that the wicked enimies of our ſaluation, maye (according to their iuſt demerites) be brought to bitter ſhame and confuſion, to the intent all men may right wel know that thy perfect righteouſneſſe will not ſuffer their deuilithe fraudes and curſed deceyptes to eſcape alwayes vnpunished: whereby thy bleſſing which thou haſt appoynted for the elect and choſen, may not be impeached: and let not the force of the deuils ſubtilties and craftie ymaginations, diſappoynt the ſaluation, which we (that hope in thy faythfull promiſes) looke to atchieue and attaine vnto, thorow Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxx. Pſalme.

A prayer for grace in the time of neede.

THou art wont herye often (O almightie God) to punish thy faythfull ſeruaunts grieuouſly, to the

intent they might therby returne vnto thée with earnest and perfect repentance, which now experience teacheth vs to feele in thy sacred Church by reason of these most troublesome tymes: for we that haue béene hitherto innumerable wayes very vngratfull towards thée, and euery where transgressed thy holy lawe and blessed commaundements, are so oftentymes vexed with the fiercenesse of the cursed deuill and his bondslaues, that we be inforced to crie vnto thée out of the bottomlesse pit, and from the vnmeasurable dépenesse of our aduersities, requiring thée not to marke our heynous sinnes so seuerely. For if thou (O good god) wilt duly consider and iustly punishe the iniquities that we haue committed (according to their iust deserts) which of vs shall be so blameleſſe and holy, as he may be able to stand before thy iustice? But, forsomuch as we right well know that thou art indued with exceéding great gentlenesse, we doe both early and late looke and wayte for thy readie helpe. Although therefore our iniquities are very many in number, vouchsafe thou (for thy most abundaunt goodnesse and infinite mercies sake) to redéeme vs from

from them all, so that wée, being deliuered from imminent perils and præsent calamities, may as well beleue in thée onely, as publish to the whole worlde that there is true and perfect redemption, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

SEing that we be perpetually toss (O almightie God) with the most déepe sea of temptations, neyther are able of our selues to match them, there is good reason why we do not without iust cause require thée spéedily to helpe and succour our wofull miseries. But, if thou (who art both a rightfull iudge and perfect arbitrer of oure causes) wouldst consider all things whatsoeuer we haue gréuously offended thée in, and earnestly marke the same, who were able (I pray thée) to stand before thy tribunal seat? Seing therefore thy mercie is notable and infinite, our earnest desire is that we maye in such wise depend onely thereupon, as the iniquities which we haue cõmitted, might be redæmed thereby, who are nourished daply and hourely in this hope alone, trusting

ſting that thou wilt neuer be forgetfull of the true Iſraell, which is thy holy and bleſſed Church. Graunt vs therefore (we humblie beſeech thee) to obteyne at thy fauourable handes, pardon and remiſſion of ſinnes, as a ſound and ſincere fruite of this ſtedfaſt confidence, through Ieſus Chriſt our lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxj. Pſalme.

A praier that we may haue humilitie, and diſpiſe arrogancie.

INaſmuch as we are marueilous vngratefull towards thee (O moſt mightie God) for the exceeding great benefits beſtowed vpon vs, leading a life hitherto nothing agreeable to thy holineſſe and our vocation, there is no cauſe why our heart ſhould bee puffed vp, or walke in wonders. Cauſe thy holy ſpirite to be aboundantly poured vpon vs, inſomuch as all pride and arrogancie being vtterly layd aſide and quite done away, we maye heartily acknowledge this which is moſt true, howe that we are heynous ſinners, by which meanes thou wilt (through a true and ſincere repentance) pardon our naughtie and lewde behauiour. Moreouer

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frame and comfirme vs in suche wise towards thee, as we may be like vnto a weaned childe, which alwayes longeth for hys mother, by whom it is cherished and nursed. Vnlesse thou therefore be our ready helper, what other thing eyther can we or ought we to iudge of our owne power and strength, but the same shall be hurtfull vnto vs. Wherefore, seing that thy blessed Church hath none other refuge but thee only, being vtterly voyd of all humaine helpe, therefore euen after the maner of a childe it loketh vnto thee, whose earnest desire is that thou wouldest not vtterly forsake hir, but so assist the same with thy fauourable goodnesse, as she maye alwayes wholy addict hir selfe to cal vpon thy glorious name, and publish thy famous renowme, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

FOrsomuch as (O most good and mercifull God) it verily behoueth thee onely to be high and excellent, our earnest request is that thou wouldest not permit pride to breake into our heart, being of it selfe stub-

burne and rebellious ynough, sæing that all humaine arrogancie and ouerwæning of our selues can not be but very vaine, as that which hath neyther true nor iust cause so to do. We desire therefore a very mæke heart and marueilous lowly eyes to eschue all such lewde deuises and fond enterprises as may excæde the meane and boundes of our vocation. Vouchsafe (we humbly beseech thée) that our minde may none otherwise depend vpon thée, then Infants hang vpon their Nources breastes. For we perceyue right well that thy blessed Churche shall neuer be compted in a prosperous estate vnlesse shée doth both vtterly dispaire of hir selfe, and also repose hir whole hope and confidence in thée onely, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxij. Psalme.

A praier that the Gospell may reigne mongst vs.

WE know right well (O most good and mercifull God) that thou art not forgetfull of the couenaunt thou madest wyth vs in Christ Jesu: but acknowledge our selues to haue swarued from thy most sacred couenaunts and

and blessed agrements. For, whereas it behoueth vs to frame our life so as we might please thee, and that all our dedes ought to redowne vnto the glory of thy blessed name, then the which we haue done nothing lesse, who haue marueylous coldly exercised true and perfect goodlinesse, neither indeuoured our selues to reedifie thy holy Church with a feruent desire as it became vs to do. But be not thou reuenged (O good God) vppon our naughtie facts, neyther let these things which we haue heynously committed agaynst thee, be an occasiõ that thou shouldst not giue eare vnto our heartie prayers. For this verily do we earnestly desire in all our humble petitions, that the place wherein the Arke of thy glorious couenaunt remayneth, that is to say, (thy elected church) may continue thy louing Spouse, inioying at length a quiet and peaceable rest, to the intent thy blessed kingdome may more prosperously be inlarged, and the glory of thy famous name spred abrode farre wider then it is at this day. Shewe we humbly beseech thee, that thou art (according to thy faythfull promise) truly resident in thy holy Church, by indoing thy faythfull seruauntes with

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true holineſſe and perfect ſaluation. Suffer not (as thou haſt louingly promiſed) the light of thy people to bée extinguiſhed and quite put out: but let the princely bewtie and renowmed glorie of thy excellent Maieſtie ſhine perpetually in hir, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

FOrſomuch as thou of thy infinite goodneſſe (O moſte gracious and mercifull God) haſt determined to dwell perpetually in the congregation of the faythfull (which is the Church that Chriſt hath redéemed with his precious bloud) we humbly beſéech thée neuer to forget this thy moſte louing promiſe. For our earneſt requeſt is to haue thy reſting place abide in vs, and that thou wouldeſt haue an holy and well furniſhed habitation in our hearts through fayth. As therefore wée miſtruſt not but thou wilt kéepe this thy ſacred couenaunt firme and ſtedfaſt, ſo we heartily deſire thée to vouchſafe that we on our part may not ſwarue therefro, but follow and accompliſh to the vttermoſt thoſe teſtimonies of thy holy will;

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which thou hast thought good to teach vs in thy sacred scriptures, so that the ministers of thy Sacraments, the faythfull people, and all the estates and degrées of thy elect seruaunts, maye shine in true godlynesse and most sincere vertues, to the honour of thy glorious name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxiij. Psalme.

A prayer for christian charitie.

When as those which take vppon them the defence of thy glorious name (O most mightie God) doe liue wonderful friendly amongst themselues, and practise al the meanes they can deuise to honor and reuerence thee, then doth thy blessed church increase dayly more and more in famousnesse and puyssaunt power. And in likewise on the other side it is greatly ouerne and weakned if they which ought to haue dwelt togither like brethren, breake out into dissentions, or else be plucked asunder through any debate. Our earnest requeste is therefore to haue such peace graunted vs by thy excellent goodnesse, as we may be ioyned togither like members

in thy one bodie which is the holy Church. But, seing that our innumerable sinnes do marueylously hinder so great a felicitie, howe then can it fall out that such as bée at discorde with thée, maye be in vnitie amongst themselues? We earnestly desire this at thy mercifull handes, that the heynous offences wherewith we haue sundrie tymes and that grœuously prouoked thy wrathfull indignation bæing quite forgiuen, thou wouldst receyue vs againe into thy blessed fauour, causing vs faythfully to imbrace mercy and louing kindnesse in such wise, as wé maye bé annired vnto thée without seperation: for hereof our tranquilitie shall haue hir originall and deriuation, hereof shall there be made an excellent & most fertile Church of good déedes, hereof shal the hid and secret treasures of thy holy spirite open themselues vnto vs, & burst out into very sweete and pleasaunt fruites, and finally a most redolent smell of iustice and vertue shall breath forth from thence thorowout the whole worlde. Graunt therfore (O ercellent father) to thy humble suters, that they may haue peace with thée, amongst themselues, and also with all men

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so much as in them lyeth, whereby, they being gathered togyther in thy blessed name, according thy louing promises, may haue thee present with them, fele thy most plentifull blessing, and finally obteine eternall ioy and felicitie, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

FOrsomuch as thou hast of thy singuler fauour and exceding great goodnesse (O mercifull God) adopted vs to be thy dere children through fayth we haue conceyued in Christ Iesu, it behoueth vs to leade a life amongest our selues not like straungers, but as brethren and sisters ought to do: neither haue the godly a greater desire or more pleasure in anye thing, then to be in perfect vnitie & peaceable agreement in the house of God. Wherefore it is no small griefe vnto vs that this brotherly affinitie is euery where rent and broken asunder, which we ought warely to cherishe and haue in great estimation. But we acknowledge oure selues to haue giuen an apparaunt cause of this greeuous veration and sorowfull

full calamitie: for how can it be then that we who are not knit vnto thee with our whole heart, and be nothing in such wise obedient to thy sacred commaundements as thou requirest, should be well ioyned togither, or be in loue with our neighbours? We humbly beseech thee therefore (O good God) to pardon whatsoeuer we haue heretofore lewdly committed agaynst thee, being aduersaries to thy diuine lawe and sacred commaundementes, and to couple vs one to another, with an exceeding stedfast charitie, into the sacred bodie of thy holye Church, so that our louing consent & faythfull agreement may spread it selfe abroade most largely as a sweete smell of mutuall loue, and through the pleasaunt dew of thy heauenly blessing, become euery day more fruitfull then other in good and godly workes, leading (of thy singuler good will) not onely a quiet and peaceable life, free from the present euils in this wretched worlde, but finally obteyne such a one as is blessed and euerlasting, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

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Seing thou hast of thy louing kindnesse (O most good and mercifull God) chosen all faythfull people to be thy déere children, graunt that we who are brethren by a blessed generation, may be fastned togither in mutuall loue, long peace, and perpetuall charitie, so that (during this life) wée maye take perfect pleasure of such kinde of tranquilitie, and also become an exceéding delectable odor towardes the perpetuall saluation of all others which be as yet straungers to thée. Thy blessed Church may bee (O heauenly father) through this especiall example, greatly wondered at of all men. For certainly we know by experience that thou hast vsed to poure out a moste ample blessing vpon so many as lead an agréeable and friendly lyfe in thy healthfull doctrine and pure religion: and therefore doe wée nowe requyre this earnestlye at thy mercifull handes béefore all ritches and other earthly commodities, through Iesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxiiij. Psalme.

A prayer for fayth in our dayly petitions.

IT ought to be a moſt pleaſant and ioyfull thing vnto vs (O almighty God) to celebrate thy high prayſes perpetually, and ſhewe forth thy marueylous woorkes without ceaſſing: for the perfourmance whereof, godlineſſe would require, that we ſhoulde not onely doe the ſame on the day tyme, but alſo in the night ſeaſon. But yet notwithſtanding, our moſt heinous ſinnes and continual backſlidings compell vs rather to burſt out into ſorowfull teares, piteous ſobbinges, and deepe ſighes, wherethrough we may ſay alwayes before thee: we verily haue ſinned (O good God) exceeding greeuouſly, whoſe offences are more in number then the ſande of the ſea, and Starres of the ſkie, but nowe wee lift vp our handes vnto our holy ſanctuary, which is Jeſus Chriſt thy dearely beloued Sonne, ſo that whatſoeuer we cannot obteyne through our owne woorthineſſe and deſertes, we indeuour to atchieue the ſame by his onely meanes and gracious fauour. We heartily require this at thy merciſull handes (O moſt excellent father) that thou wouldeſt at one tyme or other, out of Sion (that is to ſay out of the hid treaſure of thy clemencie)

clemencie) be fauourable vnto the people which flie to thee for succor, by deliuering them from present mishaps, whereby thou (who diddest make heauen and earth) hast vouchedsafe to call vs vnto the knowledge of thy blessed name, so that we maye lawfully render abundant thankes and shewe forth thy worthy prayses with a moste free and ioyfull heart, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

SEeing thou hast betrothed all those with a notable promise (O most mightie god) which are knitte togither in the honouring of thy blessed name, so that thou wilt not onely be present with them, but also bestowest excellent benefites vpon these men whosoeuer they are that excell in sincere fayth and pure godlinesse, and haue an exceeding desire to be in the blessed congregations, insomuch as there is nothing which they more couet or desire, then to appeare diuers tymes before thee in the sacred assemblies. But because we see our selues greatly defiled with most heynous faultes,

ouerlading vs in such wise, as we dare not celebrate and prayse thee as Christians ought to do: our earnest request is therfore that thou wouldst (of thy vnspeakable mercie, infinite goodnesse, and excellent clemencie) deliuer vs from the Champions of Antichrist and his ministers, who indeuour themselues so much as they can possible, that thy faythfull seruaunts might no more assemble and meete togither for to honor thee sincerely and as they are willed to do. Reserue those to thy selfe (we humbly beseech thee) who haue so great a desire to lift vp their handes vnto thee and to direct their prayers vnto thy mercies seate with a most holye intent: shewe these men much pleasure from heauen, cherishe them greatly, and be their strong defence, being a thing nothing impossible to thy wonderfull and inuincible power, forsomuch as the whole worlde and all thinges conteyned therin, were not only made by thy puissant might, but also indure and bee preserued through thy omnipotencie, by Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

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THy vnspeakeable goodnesse is such (O most merciful God) as it ought alwaies to be greatly prayſed and highly magnified. Wee will therefore lift vp pure handes in all places, touching the publiſhing of thy glorious name, & render perpetuall thanks (according to our bounden dutie) for thy loving kindneſſe extended towards vs. But, ſeing that this ought to be done in the moſt ſacred and holy aſſemblies, our earneſt deſire is for to haue thée preſent there wyth vs, & to beſtow thy plentifull bleſſing vpon thy beloued Iſracll, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxv. Pſalme.

A prayer againſt a bolde and falſe conſidence.

WHoſoeuer they be that are moued by the holy ghoſt to aſſemble together (O almightie God) for to celebrate thy glorious name, haue a wonderfull heape of benefites ſet out before them, which thou haſt moſt plentifully beſtowed vpon vs. For loke what thinges thou haſt by thy wonderfull wiſdome created in heauen and earth, all the ſame doeſt thou continually diſpoſe according to the

pleasure of thy good will, causing the cloudes, raine, windes, and other woorkes of nature to be in such wise obedient to thee, as they serue exceeding commodiously for the vtilitie of mankinde. But seeing that the hearts of kings and princes are vnder thy dominion, thou doest cõtinually bow them so farre as the preseruation of thy faythfull seruaunts doth require, which is sufficiently manifested ynough by Pharao king of Egypt, Sion, and Og, moste puyssaunt princes of the lande of Canaan. By reason whereof, the hope that we haue assuredly conceyued in thy beloued promises, is so confirmed and established, that (althoughe wee maye see the Churche greeuously oppressed with exceeding great perilles) yet our onelye trust is that thou wilt so aide and helpe the same, out of the hidde and secrete treasures of thy louing mercie, as first and formoste to pardon our innumerable and moste shamefull declinings from thee, wherwith wee haue mischieuously polluted our selues: and that thou wilt also in such wise banquish, subdue, and represse the malipertnesse of the deuill and his gard, as we be not inforced anye more by them, to imbrace

brace againe an idolatrous trade of worshipping thee, and giue honor to those Images which can neither speake, heare, nor yet haue breath, although they seeme as if they had both eares, hands, & mouthes. Graunt we heartily pray thee (O excellent father) that all men may perpetually laude and set forth thy glorious name out of Sion (which is thy true Church) with an auncient, yea rather an euerlasting peace and tranquillitie, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

THou deseruest verye great commendation for a number of excellent causes (O almightie God) and diuers wayes to be extolled with moste noble prayses: first and formost thou art good, & thy name is marueylous pleasant and wonderfull amiable. Moreouer thou hast chosen vs to be thy peculiar people, that is, a true Israell, who art of such an inuincible force, as there is onely not any creature, but also none other God at all that may be compared to thee in power. For thou onelye doest wonderous things in heauen, in earth, in the sea, and in

the deepes and bottomlesse pit: thou also stirrest vp and bridlest at thy will and pleasure, the flaming lightninges, boysterous windes, raynie showers, raging waters, and stormie tempestes. Whose mightie puyssaunce, the Egyptians, Amorreites, and Chenanetts haue felt, when thou didst defend the children of Israell with thy accustomable clemency, and gouernedst them through an vnspeakable louing kindnesse and wonderfull mercie that thou didst extend towards them. Iudge thou therefore thy faythfull people, who hast beene accustomed to rule the course of nature by suche a wonderful meanes, and finally comfort thy beloued seruants, haue an especiall regard, behold, and see (we humbly pray thee) the greeuous calamities of thy sacred Church, neither deale with vs according to our wicked & lewde deserts. We acknowledge verily (euen from the heart) that we haue led a lyfe to muche vnbeseeming thy glorious name and our vocation, who doe not nowe returne vnto dumb Idolles (when we are thus greeuously afflicted) being the workes of mens hands, hauing as it were a mouth, eyes, and eares, and yet do they not speake,

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neyther ſée, nor vnderſtande: but haue recourſe vnto thée, our true and onely God, that like as thou loueſt the ſacred Church and wouldſt be highly prayſed therein, ſo vouchſafe to deliuer the ſame from imminent perils, through Jeſus Chriſt our lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

THere be two thinges (O moſt good and mercifull God) which ought chiefly to ſtyrre vs vp to ſpeake of thy worthy prayſes: whereof, the one is this, for that nothing can be found or ymagined greater thē thou art: the other, becauſe there is a pure ioy and aſſured pleaſure conceyued in the very ſetting out of thy worthy prayſes. Moreouer the number of thy notable benefits are ſo great, as not only matter to the publiſhing of thy glorie is miniſtred euery where, but alſo that it doth in a maner ouerwhelme ſuch as thinke therupon any thing earneſtly, as they can readily finde neither beginning nor yet ende for the ſetting forth of thy glorious name, without the wonderfull aſſiſtaunce of thy holy ſpirite. Which thing

(so long as it is duly cõsidered of our parts) we doe earnestly require in our dayly prayers, that especially in the sacred assemblies, we may with moste pure fayth set out thy worthie prayses, yeld thée thy true worshippe, and publishe thy renoume with a pure life and holye conuersation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxvj. Psalme.

A prayer for the knowledge of Gods omnipotent goodnesse.

THy puyssaunt power and singuler goodnesse (O moste gracious and mercifull God) doth euery where so abounde vppon vs, as mannes thought and ymagination can not sufficiently comprehend the same: for if we loke vnto the skie that is garnished with creéding bewtifull and almoste innumerable lightes, or if we consider the earth which is marueylous abundauntly replenished and decked with most pleasant fruites, they bee alwayes wonderful tokens of thy vnspeakable and passing good will towardes vs. Herevnto are added, the wonders which thou didst in Egypt, where through (when thou hadst spoyled the tyraunt of all that euer

euer he had, and finally bereft him of hys lyfe) thou madest it manifest what a pleasure the fredome of the children of Israll was to thée, vnto whom thou shewedst thy selfe no lesse a most stedfast preseruer in the wast & lothsome wildernesse, then an excéeding strong defender, at what tyme they walked through the whole lande of Canaan, and causedst the huge & mightie kingdomes thereof to be vnder their subiection. Thou therefore who art indued with excellent goodnesse, wonderfull clemency, and vnspeakable mercie that neuer hath ende, haue an especiall regard (we heartily pray thée) vnto thy beloued Church, being nowe in marueylous great perill and extreeme daunger, neyther let the most lewde déedes (wherewith we haue both polluted our owne selues, and also thy sacred Gospell) drawe thée from thy natiue louing kindnesse. Pardon (we heartily pray thee) what soeuer we haue committed agaynst thy diuine Maiestie: and suffer not thou (who giuest sustinaunce to all fleshe) thy faythfull seruauntes to bée depriued of a perfect doctrine and most pure and sound sacraments, which are in déede the fede of eternall lyfe.

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Vouchsafe that euery man may hereby perceyue howe good and mightie thou art, to the intent all persons maye euery where (as right méete it is) feare and loue thée with a most feruent and heartie good will, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

THy goodnesse is such and of so great force (O most mightie God) as thou wouldst not onely haue vs fedde thereby, but also (which is not the least part of our felicitie) that we should féele and perfectly acknowledge the same: who hast for this cause, brought forth exceéding bewtifull thinges as well in heauen as in the earth, after a most wonderful artificial maner. All which matters, if we did beholde with a godly affection and well disposed minde, our heart without doubt should alwayes be kindled and inflamed with a feruent desire it hath towards thée. To the intent therefore our stonie and frozen hearts might be more behemently styred vp, thou hast chosen out for thy selfe one people, which was Israel, by whom thou mightest declare with howe great

great zeale and after what maner of prouidence and moste large benefites thou hast shewed thy selfe beneficiall vnto such as continually applyed themselues to the true worshipping of thee and vnto godlinesse. But hast at length poured out al treasures of thy excellent goodnesse in Christ Jesu our Lord, and thy most intierly beloued sonne, to the ende thou wouldest deliuer vs from eternall and euerlasting death. For which cause sake, we being prouoked (through the wonderfull miracles of so great and manifolde benefites) do render hartie thanks vnto thee, although verily not such as thou deseruest, yet those that we are able, and to the vttermoste of our power we doe commend thy sacred Church vnto thee, by the selfesame Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxvij. Psalme.

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WHosoeuer they bee (O almightye God) that make a true accompt of sincere godlinesse and pure religion, are exceeding sorowfull if they see the sacred Church scattered, wholesome doctrine derided, the prayses of thy diuine

uine name had in contempt, & such things as apperteyne to a deuout worshipping of thee turned vnto heathnish gewgawes and voluptuous pleasures. To the intent therfore these things may in no wise happen as nowe vnto vs, which we see not to be farre of, we power forth daily before thée, with great submission, these our dolefull complaints, that thou wouldest first of thy exceeding great goodnesse and louing mercye, blot out all our heynous offences (being in a maner infinite and exceeding greeuous) committed not onely through weakneſſe and ignorance, but also done oftentymes both malitiously and of a set purpose. Moreouer be fauourable vnto our greeuous sinnes, and turne away from vs in such sort the most fierce wiles and subtile layings awayte of Antichrist, as thy sacred Churche bée not depriued of all blessed ioy and spirituall gladneſſe: suffer not the mouthes of good and wholsome instructors to be closed vp, permit not thy due honour to be had in obliuion, nor yet let the hymnes and songs wherewith thou art highly celebrated, bée vsurped of such as will haue the same in derision. We humbly beseech thee, Omnipotent

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lent father, that (what wrath or indignation so euer is due vnto vs by reason of the heinous sinnes we haue wickedly committed) thou wouldst, for the glorie of thy famous name, turne it from thy sanctified Church, and poure out the same rather vpon them, who, with a enimy like rage and most malicious affection, ymagine nothing else, but quite to marre and vtterly laye waste thy blessed heritage, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

THy sacred Church would be greatly desirous (O most mightie God) to extoll thy famous name ioyfully with Psalmes and Hymnes, but as yet hir oppression and bondage is so great in darkneſſe and blinde errors of newe fond superstitions that haue borne brought thereto, as it is more agreable for hir sorowfull estate, rather to laye aside the instruments of gladneſſe, and giue hir selfe day & night to weaping, waylings, mournings, lamentable prayers, and most feruent supplications, wherewith she may craue thy furtherance and readie helpe: to

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the intent it may (in the straunge tentes of this wretched world) rather be forgetfull of all delectable pleasures, then vtterly voyde of true & perfect worshipping of thee. Our earnest request is therefore ỳ thou wouldst very spedily deliuer hir from the tirannie of the enimies of Godlinesse, who haue in nothing so great a delight, as to reioyce in the destruction thereof. Turne thy selfe we hartily require thee, vnto them, and restrain their mad outrage, so that they may hereafter the lesse pollute and defile the Church thy louing spouse, eyther with theyr deuilishe errors or lewde behauiours, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxviij. Psalme.

prayer that men of great power and high authoritie may imbrace the word of god.

THy mercie (O most mightie God) is so notable & famous, as it ought to be celebrated, with seemely prayses, euen in ỳ assembly of princes & highest powers: for seing ỳ thou hast, with all faithfulnesse aboundantly accomplished thy louing promises, the reputation of thy glorious name is wonderfully augmented by giuing saluation euery where to such as lamẽtably requyre the same. Forasmuch as therfore

therfore the monuments of thy great mercie be innumerable, we earneſtly intreat & humbly beſeech thée not to decline therfro in theſe our moſt wretched dayes, nor yet permit thy ſelfe to bée alienated & withdrawne from vs. Although we haue not framed our déedes, according to thy ſacred lawes and diuine will, as was our bounden dutie, but haue wretchedly ſinned agaynſt thée, deadly offended, and ſpitefully reuolted from thy excellent Maieſtie: which verily we heartily acknowledge and earneſtly confeſſe, and albeit we are vnworthy that thou ſhouldeſt be fauourable and mercifull vnto vs, yet it greatly appertayneth vnto thée for to pardon ſuch as craue mercie at thy hands thorow an vnfayned fayth. Wey not then (in this ſo cruell a caſe) what we are bound to doe, but that which belongeth to thy vnſpeakable goodneſſe. For if thou wilt be preſent at this time to helpe ſuch as vnfeynedly cal vpon thée, there is no man liuing but ſhall follow thée with a wonderfull admiration. The common people, the nobilitie, yea and kinges alſo ſhall ſtriue who maye prayſe thée moſt: for thou ſhalt very manifeſtly proue to their faces, that thou haſt a

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great respect to such things as be exceeding lowlye and of verye small reputation, although thy tribunal seate be in heauen: for, notwithstanding thou sittest to dwel very farre of from vs, yet thou makest all men vnderstande the wonderfull tokens of thy excellent iustice and vnspeakable goodnesse. Establishe vs (O good God) with hope in in such wise, as if we shoulde walke euen through the middest of trouble and great distresse, thou wilt not permit our courage (being vpholden with thy right hande) any thing to fayle, but remember the worke of thy handes, what maner a people so euer we be of our selues, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

The people & common sort of men ought not onely to extoll the honor of thy glorious name, and nobleneſſe of thy famous woords with right great praises (O almightie God) but also such as bee noble and renowmed are bound to do the like, bicause thou poures thy singuler benefits vpon all mortall creatures, and neuer fayles of thy louing

louing promises in faythfulneſſe and truth, but rather doeſt perpetually giue an attentiue eare to thoſe which call vpon thée with a pure fayth and vncorrupt minde. Let ſo many therefore as be famous and excell in dignitie and power amongeſt men, prayſe thée when as they ſhall perceyue the marueylous wiſdome of thy dæpe counſels and excellent deuices. For, though thou excelleſt all others in heigth, yet doeſt thou not diſpiſe ſuch thinges as be humble and lowly, but ſéemeſt to behold the prowde a farre of, bicauſe thou alloweſt in no wiſe their doings. We humbly require thée therefore to refreſhe and quicken vs in the middeſt of our ſorowfull tribulations, and repreſſe the violence and hatred of the outragious enimies of godlineſſe, ſo that whileſt thou ſhalt nouriſhe and defende vs (being the worke of thy puyſſaunt handes) thy infinite mercie maye be made right famous wyth eternall glorie, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxxxix. Pſalme.

A prayer for ỹ knowledge of Gods diuine prouidence.

THy knowledge and wisdome (O most mightie God) is of such force, as thou perfectly knowest all mens wordes, deedes, and thoughts, who also vnderstandest the ymaginations of our myndes before we vtter them. For no man is able to conceyue and euidently discerne the great wisdome thou shewest in making and fourming of our bodies: if we were comparable to the swift course of ỹ Sunne, or did excell the quickenesse of the Morning, or might clime vp to heauen, or go downe to hell, there is no place but thou wouldst meete with vs, who hast seene and most euidently perceyued euen from the first creation, the vnshapen masse of our bodies with all the members thereof, when as yet there was none of them. Forsomuch therefore as thou seemest to be on all sides so wonderfull, our earnest request is that thou wouldest (for thy famous honors sake) be at length highlye reuerenced and dulye worshipped in thy blessed Church. Let the wicked and such as haue thy glorious name in great contempt, depart thence: but tricke thy faythfull seruaunts, we humbly beseech thee, and search them thoroughly out, to the intent

intent they may know themselues: that if perhaps they swarue from the true & right way (as it often so happeneth by humaine infirmitie) bring thou them againe of thy great goodnesse, into the streight path of perpetuall felicitie, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the.Cxl. Psalme.

A prayer against the venemous tongues of the vngodly.

SEeing that wee can looke for none other thing to procede from wicked and vngodlye men (O mooste good and mercifull God) then abhominable naughtinesse: for where there is a lewd heart, a man can neuer see an vprightnesse to be obserued neither in wordes nor deedes. Therefore do we most earnestly call vpon thee, so much as we can possible, to rid and deliuer vs from the violence and malicious enterprises of lewd persons. But many are the coardes, trappes, and snares, which the Deuill and his cursed members doe prepare against the Church. Bee thou thy selfe therefore his mightie strength and puyssant preseruation, by fortifying the same in such sort with thy sted-

fast defence, at what time the battayles of temptations are fought, as the lewde subtilities, wherewith it is furiously assayled, and vnluckely oppressed, maye fall and light vpon the Authors thereof. Which thing, if thou wilt thus doe, thou shalt retayne thy olde wont by vnderpropping with thy diuine and celestiall helpe, such as be vtterly destitute of mans ayde: whereby the godly may continually set forth thy glorious name, and inioy eternall felicitie by the fauour of thy bright and shining countenaunce, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxlj. Psalme.

A prayer agaynst hipocrisie.

WEedayly craue for thy gracious helpe (O almightie God) and earnestly require this at thy mercifull hands, that our feruent prayers maye be accepted with thee as a moste laudable sacrifice: for, seeing we perceyue it can not bee done, vnlesse we refraine oure minds wholy from vice, we desire thee therfore inespecially to remoue all our sinnes from vs, wherewith we haue exceeding filthily defiled both our owne selues and thy glorious

glorious name also: who do not kéepe this secret, that we haue liued heretofore vnthankfully and after a most wretched maner, but acknowledge and make the same manifest before thée, with a common and verye willing confession. Our earnest desire is then that thou wouldst pardon thy poore suppliants, by seuering our heartes in such sort hereafter from the contagion of filthie wickednesse, as wée maye in no wise attaine thereto, either by thought, worde, or déede: vouchsafe to fortifie godly mens minds with such a maner of puyssant force and renowmed godlynesse, that they suffer not themselues to be deceyued with the subtile allurementes and craftie promises of the wicked, but rather beate, chastice, and correct thou vs thy selfe (O god God) then permit vs to bée shaken or made tender with the subtile inticementes, delectable pleasures, and poysoned flatteries of mischieuous persons. We be discouraged and slain (as thou right well knowest) and finall destruction hangeth ouer the Church: notwithstanding we lift vp our eyes erecting stedfastly towards thée, and heartily require that thou wouldst deliuer vs from the sub-

tile wiles and craftie layings awayte of execrable men. But, forsomuch as they are past all hope of recouerie, better it is for them to be caught in their owne nettes and lewde engynes, to the intent thy sacred Church may escape the mischieuous hands of those wicked and vngodly men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

MAke hast to be present with vs (O most mightie God) according to thy accustomed goodnesse, when we heartily inuocate and call vpon thee, least we be inticed by any meanes from thy sacred worde and pure religion. Let the vnfayned prayers (which we poure forth) ascende into thy sight like a pleasant perfume, and a most acceptable sacrifice, although our sinnes do not deserue the same. For we earnestly confesse, euen from the heart roote, that we haue verye often inclined to most hurtfull thinges, and not obeyed thee hitherto in worde and wyth mouth, but haue offended thee in that behalfe also, and bene more readie and hastie then needeth, to committe deadly wickednesse,

neſſe, which is the onelye cauſe why thou doeſt nowe thus greeuouſlye rebuke and chaſtice vs. But graunt this (O good God) for thy exceeding great goodneſſe and infinit mercies ſake, that we may aſſuredly know theſe thy fauorable chaſtiſements to be the more benefites of thy moſt fatherly good affection towardes vs, ſo that (when as they proceede from thy diuine prouidence) we maye both accompt and alſo eſteeme them more profitable, then if we inioyed marueilous aboundantly the loue of the world and pleaſure of vngodly perſons: for our aſſured affiance is ſuch in thee, as we knowe moſt certainly that it is thy accuſtomed vſe to helpe them (ſo that they craue the ſame at thy fauourable handes) whoſe bones are both broken a ſunder and alſo diſperſed in ſuch wiſe, as though they ſhould go downe out of hand into hell. Forſake not therefore the Church (according to thy wonted maner) in theſe perillous dayes, at what time ſhe is in moſt miſerie, but deliuer hir from the trappes, ſnares, and nettes of the vngodlye, and let the wicked fall into theyr owne wiles & pittes, which they haue made and digged, and not thy faythfull people,

through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

WIthdrawe not thy readie helpe from vs, we humbly beseech thee (O moste good and mercifull God) so long as wee lamentably require the same at thy mercifull handes: for this is our daily sacrifice wherwith we do greatly honor and highly reuerence thy glorious name, neyther doth it lesse please thee to haue vs taught in thy blessed worde, then if we should burne vppon Alters a most sweete odor and pleasant perfume of spices, as the vse and custome was in old time: our earnest desire is therfore, that thou wouldest set a sure watche vppon our tongue and heart, that we may not do any thing either in word, or thought, (and much lesse in deedes) contrarie to thy blessed lawe. Remoue from vs all intercourse of the vngodly, but cause vs to take in exceding good worth brotherly admonicions and friendly rebukes, hauing no regard at all to highe prayses and pleasant flattering tales. For seeing that there be a thousand snares and trappes which our ancient

ent enimie hath layde to snarle vs in, let thy gracious fauour at length deliuer vs from the whole number of them, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxlij. Psalme.

A prayer for comfort in persecution.

WE crie out daply in thy sight (O most good and mercifull GOD) pouring out our feruent prayers and humble supplications, that the sorow and heauinesse conceyued in our heart maye be vttered, and this we doe in thy gracious presence, who onely knowest the way and meanes howe to deliuer thy faythfull seruaunts in their vttermost troubles. Our spirit verily is continually vexed within vs, so long as we consider the present state of thinges, insomuch as whether we loke on the right hand or towardes the left, we se no man truely which will vnfeynedly take vpon him eyther to defende or acknowledge ỳ cause of thy blessed Church. Which euilles in deede happen vnto vs by reason of our heynous sinnes, wherewyth thou art thus greeuously offended agaynst vs, as to stirre vp so fierce and slie enimyes

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againſt thy choſen people, who lay ſnares almoſte in all places, and extende violence euery where vpon vs. Bee mercifull nowe therefore vnto vs (O God oure deere father) at what time we ſeeme to bee deſtitute of al ſuccor, neither is there any remayning aliue that hath a regard for the preſeruation of our ſoules: heare thou thy ſelfe oure wofull complaints, and be a ſure refuge for vs, and our portion amongs the liuing: by deliuering vs from our malicious perſecutors, who ſeeme at this preſent to haue the vpper hand. For if thou wilt mightily deliuer thy ſacred Church from this ſorowfull calamitie, thy excellent name ſhall be ſpred abroad in euery place, and all men will reioyce with vs, vpon whome they ſhall perceyue that thou haſt ſhewed this vnſpeakeable fauour and louing kindneſſe, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame pſalme.

SEing that we are perpetually inuironed (O moſt mightie God) with an infinite number of perils, neceſſitie it ſelfe perſwadeth vs neuer to deſiſt from prayer, but alwayes to poure them out ereading fer-

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uently before thée. For, to whom may wée better declare our extréeme heauinesse and gréeuous miserie (which doth dayly assaile vs) then to thée? who knowest all thinges right wel, neither art ignorant of the crafts and subtilties of the force of our cruell aduersaries. Thou onely canst succor and deliuer vs: who may not trust in mans ayde, either because they will not, or else for that they be not able to helpe vs. And therefore do we earnestly crie vnto thée, béeing our sanctuarie and lotte in the land of the liuing, to the intent thou wouldst set vs free from the deuill the auncient enimy of mankinde, and his cursed garde: whose mindes being thus recreated and refreshed, shall vncessantly acknowledge thy blessed name: and all such as be faithfull louers of vertue, will togither with vs publishe and set out thy excellent benefites with condigne and deserued prayses, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxliij. Psalme.

WEe doe earnestly desire thée (O most good and mercifull God) to accept our common petitions, and that

A prayer in temptation for the auoyding of desperation.

that thou wouldest (for thy excellent mercies sake) heare the heartie prayers which we poure out before thee, neyther denie vnto that the heynous sinnes, wherewith we dayly prouoke thy heauie wrath, hath not deserued the same. But if thou wilt enter into iudgement with vs, and giue seuere and vpright sentence, seing that no man liuing, yea no creature at all (be it neuer so pure and holy) is able to abide the same, we also shall without fayle be cast, neyther haue any force to stand in thy presence before the tribunall seate. Looke thou therefore vppon vs with thy louing fauour and wonted clemencie, that as the enimie hath greedily persecuted our soules, so verily we seeme, being sore smitten and greatly forsaken, to be in a maner at the point of death, because our spirit is thus vexed within vs, and hart made desolate. Who are notwithstanding right mindfull of thy old and auncient mercie, wherewith thou hast beene accustomed to succor and helpe thy elect people at what tyme they were miserably afflicted. Therefore doe we not onely lift vp our sorowfull handes vnto thy diuine Maiestie, but indeuour our selues so much as in vs lyeth for

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to haue thée deliuer thy blessed church from the handes of hir outragious enimies: directing vs so with thy good spirite, that we maye hereafter execute those things faythfully which are right and holy, according to thy diuine will and pleasure, being conueyed out of this present distresse by thy good guidaunce, and quickned with thy readye helpe, throughe Iesus Christ oure Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

The infirmitie of our righteousnesse (O most good and mercifull God) is of such force, as those which be instructed with thy blessed spirite, know very well that it is not able to stande before thy iudgement seate: when as therefore we do consider our lewd deserts, our spirite fadeth awaye, and our hart wareth amazed. But we haue recourse out of hand to thy infinite mercie, who doe heartily acknowledge and earnestlye confesse that our righteousnesse procœdeth not of our selues, but commeth from thee onely: so that we (being staied vp and confirmed by this stedfast faith) do lamentably require

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thy fauourable assistaunce in the daungerous perils of this wretched life. For, vnlesse thou puttest to thy redie helping hand, wee doe vtterlye dispaire of our salnation. Shew vs the way wherein we may walke without daunger, and teach vs after what maner we may accomplish thy blessed will, and rule all our thoughts and deedes by the helpe of thy holye spirite which procedeth from thee, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxliiij. Psalme.

A prayer against wicked doctrine ydolatrous worshipping.

WE vnfeynedly confesse (O moste good and mercifull God) that all warlike force and politicie procedeth from thee onely, who bestowest the same at thy will and pleasure, vpon such as thou wilt: forsomuch as therefore we ascribe all power & victorie to thy blessed name, wee take thee onelye to bee our strong Castell, inuincible Tower, vnremoueable rocke, and mightie shield. For although we right well perceyue that man of his owne nature is a thing of naught in respect of that he should be acknowledged of thee, and we to haue sinned so heynously, as we

we are altogither vnworthye that thou shouldst make any accompt at all of vs, but hauing neuertheleſſe assured confidence in thy vnspeakable mercie, we are bolde to direct our hartie prayers vnto thy diuine Maiestie, in this our most difficult & troublesome time, requiring thee to shew forth thy mightie power from heauen for our deliuerance, by scattering and dispersing of our cruell enimies. Stretch out thy puyssaunt hande (we humbly beseeche thee) and rid vs from the layings awaite of vngodly persons. It is thou which hast sent helpe vnto kinges and princes that put their whole confidence in thee, by the deliuering not of Dauid only, but also through the often setting at libertie of verie many of the auncient fathers from noysome mishappes and extreme perils. Forsomuch as therefore thou hast alwayes indued thy faythfull seruaunts with innumerable and most excellent benefites, as well temporall as spirituall things, that is to wit, a plentifull issue, flocks of sheepe, riches and honour, insomuch as all people might easily iudge ỹ nation blessed which take thee for their God. Reiect not now thy sacred Church: for, seeing that thou knowst

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the great afflictions, wonderfull perils, and marueylous distresse she is in, make speede to helpe hir, neyther permit the enimies of thy glorious name to lay the same waste: and graunt that she, being at length deliuered from these euils, may sing new songs vnto thee, and extol thy excellent name with perpetual praises, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

There is none other force (O most good and mercifull God) besides thine, wherein thy faythfull people may haue their rock, their fortresse, shield and place of refuge in a readinesse. But shoulde thy godlinesse make any accompt of vs who be vile dwarfish men? For both we and all our doings shall fade away like a shadowe and meere vaine thing, vnlesse thou of thy excellent mercy be present and deliueresst vs, from the daungers that are without measure layde euery where for vs: who then can otherwise escape the subtile crafts and wilie imaginations wherewith the enimies of mankind doth daily assaile vs? Our earnest de-

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ſtre is therefore to haue thee lay to thy helping hand, whereby we may diuers times celebrate thy worthye prayſes with newe ſonges and ditties. Neyther doe we onely require this, that thoſe thinges may thryue with vs which appertaine to this life and a worldly proſperitie, although theſe cõmonlye bee of great waight, yet doe we accompt it a greater bleſſednesſe, if thou verily wilt ſo ſhew thy ſelfe to be our god, as in deede thou art, through Jeſus chriſt thy ſon, who liueth and reigneth with thee euermore worlde without ende. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxlv. Pſalme.

A prayer for the glorifying of gods workes in vs with the preſeruation of the Church and comforte of the faithfull.

THy worthyneſſe is ſo noble and excellent, O almightie God, as our ſearching (bee it neuer ſo exactlye done) can in no wiſe comprehende the ſame. Yet we certainly vnderſtand this by fayth, that thou art exceeding mercifull, and ſo aboundeſt therewith, as it is verye long before thy heauie wrath be kindled. For ſuch is thy vnſpeakable goodneſſe, that nothing can be founde eyther among the creatures which thou haſt made, or in the gouernment of the worlde, but that thy ſin-

guler clemencie appeereth in the same. For somuch as therfore we know assuredly that the sacred Churche which is thy glorious kingdome, shal indure for euer, we earnestly require thee to vpholde the same continually, when as it is like to fall, to rayse it vp when it seemeth most pressed downe, by feeding all thy people in time conuenient with thy blessed worde, and satisfying all suche (with thy liberall grace) as repose theyr whole trust in thee: neyther suffer those mens prayers to be in vaine which with a pure and vnfeyned heart call vpon thy most holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxlvj. Psalme.

A prayer for the acknowledging of our rutie in praying God and trusting in him, of our weaknesse, & of Gods protection ouer all sortes of people.

Thou right well deseruest (O most good and mercifull God) that wee should continually extoll thy worthie prayses from the bottome of our heart and with a right pure minde, neither can we practise any thing in this lyfe more noble or of greater profite. In thee only ought we to repose our whole trust, and not in men bee they neuer so famous and puissant:

puissant: for their bodie is easily dissolued, their soule is soone breathed out, and their imaginations are of none effect. But thou (who hast created the whole worlde) doest confirme thy faythfull promises with euerlasting truth in reuenging the oppressed, satisfying the hungrie, deliuering the fettered out of prison, giuing sight to the blinde, recomforting the heauie hearted, fauouring the righteous, defending the straungers, fatherlesse children, and widdowes, and also in disappointing the lewde wyles, slie crafties, and subtile discepts of vngodly persons. Seeing that all these thinges bee thy wonderous worke, and are seene of vs continually, they do marueylously establish our wauering faith. And therefore, being stirred vp by them, we do earnestly beseech thee both to gouerne and also preserue ỹ Church (which is thy blessed kingdome) among the waues of this wretched worlde, throughe Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxlvij. Psalme.

WE are bounde to render eredinge great praise (O most mightie god) to thy glorious Maiestie, who doe

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euidently perceyue that thou healeſt thoſe
which are broken in heart, exalteſt them
that be meke, & bringeſt the vngodly euen
vnto hell. There is no force able to incoun-
ter with thy puiſſaunce: which ruleſt the
ſtarres, and calleſt them forth by name for
the accompliſhing of thy bleſſed will, as
though they were thy ſheepe or ſeruaunts.
Thou therfore that bringeſt forth clowdes,
raine, and hay, which doeſt feede cattell and
yong Rauens, and preſerueſt ſuch as feare
thee, without the helpe eyther of ſwimen or
horſemen: loke vpon thy bleſſed Church,
lye humbly beſeeche thee, fortifie it agaynſt
hir enimies, and indue hir children with
continuall peace. Suffer it not to pine a-
way for lack of the fode of thy bleſſed word:
and euen as by thy word thou ſendeſt forth
ſnow, yce, & hore froſt, diſſoluing the ſame
incontinent with a puffe of winde when it
ſeemeth good in thy ſight, euen ſo with thy
gracious fauour, cauſe thou thoſe aduerſi-
ties which thou procureſt for a tyme to exer-
ciſe hir withall, to vaniſhe ſpeedily away.
And thou (who haſt not dealt in ſuch wyſe
with other nations as to reuele the miſte-
ries of thy ſacred ſcriptures vnto them,

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graunt that we may vse them to our soules
healthe, through Iesus Christ oure Lorde.
Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxlviij.
Psalme.

SEing that the monuments of thy excellēt goodnesse & inuincible power in all things which thou hast created (O almighty God) be farre & nére so famous & notable: the setting out of thy worthy prayses in them, séemeth wōderfull and in a maner singuler, if so be that any man doth dérpely wel consider the heauenly mindes, the Sunne, Moone, Starres, and workmanship of the Skies, none other thing shall bee founde there, then a mére commendation of thy louing fauour and vnspeakable wisedome. All which things, séing that the clowdes, rayne, thunder, windes, hilles, plantes, liuing creatures, with the whole vniuersall worke both of nature, and of ciuell ordinaunce, whereby common wealthes be gouerned amongest men, do manifest the same vnto vs: it is a thing to be wondered at, how we should be so cold in this behalfe, that being so pricked

A prayer that God may be commended in al his creatures.

forward and stirred vppe with all things, should kepe silence and become almost as dumbe persons in publishing of thy worthy praises, yea (and which ought to seeme more hard and greeuous) in stead of praysing and glorifying thy excellent name which wee owe vnto thy diuine Maiestie for so great benefites as thou hast bestowed vppon vs, we haue requited thee with slaunders, reproches, and blasphemies: which thinges (although we do not pronounce in expresse wordes) yet notwithstanding, forsomuch as we haue so sore defiled our selues with the most filthie spottes of sinne, dishonored thy holy doctrine, and by our lewde examples haue called others backe from the praysing of thy blessed name, we dare not be so bolde as to speake of thy commendation, and therfore worthily are our calamities made euery day more greeuous then other. But our earnest request is (O good God) that thou wouldst suffer nothing at all in this most sorowfull time from thy accustomed goodnesse and louing mercie: who knowe thee very well to be of sufficient force for to vanquishe all maner of thinges that be repugnaunt to thy blessed will, which puissaunce

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of thine is in no wise shaken of, albeit thou hast thought good to hide it for a time, to the intent we should understand how sore we haue sinned. Vouchsafe now therefore that thy blessed Church maye (according to thy faythfull promises) both inioy and also retaine all good things which make to the glorifying of thy blessed name, euen as it deserueth, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same psalme.

Thy vnmeasurable goodnesse, infinite power, and excellent wisedome (O moste mightie God) hath after a wonderfull sort set forth it selfe in all thinges which thou hast created for our sakes. Wherefore it is not without iust cause sayd that euery creature doth publishe thy glorious renowme, for they haue not come to light of their own proper nature: but to the intent they should bee, they were called out by thee, and afterward when they were made, thou didst not stablish them any otherwise then by thy sacred commaundement, who do obserue the lawes which thou hast appointed, neyther

passe they the certaine and decréd bounds that be limitted them, All which things so long as we do daply beholde with diligence, it is very requisite that we should be stirred vp to magnifie thy blessed name, bicause in them thy owne onely workmanship commeth to our sight and remembrance: wherupon we, being moued hereby, do as now we flie vnto thee for succour, whome we haue learned to bée the auchour of so great and manifold good thinges, whose earnest desire is, that thou wouldst lift vp the horne of thy mighty power vnto thy beloued people being thy blessed Church, so as she maye haue sufficient abilitie to withstande all the force of hell, and be linked daply more and more vnto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lorde. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cxlix. Psalme.

A prayer for the aduancement of the Gospell.

RIght worthie art thou (O almighty god) to whom new songs should continually bée song in the sacred Church, and whose prayse should be set out in the Congregation of Saints. For can it be that such as are thy faythfull people

people will not publish thée their king and maker, doyng the same not onely with hart and voyce, but also with euery outwarde instrument prepared for the same purpose. Seeing then that thou oughtest to bée so greatly commended and highly magnified for thy nature, goodnesse, and excellent benefites extended towardes vs, bée not so greatly prouoked at our heynous sinnes, as to chastice vs in thy furie: pardon vs, (wee humbly beseeche thée) for thy infinite mercies sake, when we turne vnto thée, and lamentably crane thy readie helpe by continuall prayer. But if thou haue so good a lyking of thy blessed people as thou hast oftentymes affirmed, then assist and garnish them with thy readie helpe in so great an extremitie. Giue vs this cause of exalting thy glorious name, which may be euermore in the mouth of thy faythfull seruants. For we doubt not but thou canst be reuenged of the nations & people that blaspheme thee, and binde the kings and princes (who be aduersaries to thy blessed religion) with fetters and linkes of Iron, by executing most seuere iustice vpon them. Our earnest desire is therfore that thou wouldst either conuert

uert them vnto thē with the two edged swoꝛde of thy blessed woꝛde, oꝛ if it sēmeth not good in thy sight so to doe, remoue the same farre from our neckes, that all men may right well perceyue what great things thou doest foꝛ such as commit themselues wholy to thē, and be desirous to celebꝛate thy woꝛthy pꝛayses, thꝛough Jesus Chꝛist our Loꝛd. Amen.

An other prayer out of the same Psalme.

FOꝛasmuch as thou hast from tyme to tyme (O most mightie God) blessed vs with newe benefites, it is very requisite (vnlesse we will become vtterly vnmindfull of our bounden dutie) that we shoulde dayly with freshe ditties and newe songes giue thanks to thy blessed name in the congregation of the faythfull. Foꝛ what end shall we make of pꝛaysing thē, whom in all things and at all tymes we fele to be our maker and perfect king of our saluation? Certenly seeing that we right well perceyue thē to be so fauourable to the faythfull, and doest garnish such as be godly with most plentifull giftes, it is requisite that we should bet-

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ter tokens of a right thankfull minde, in thought, worde, and worke, and with all instruments, meanes, and wayes wherewith that thing may best be done. And to the intent this thing may be the better accomplished of vs, put into the handes of our heart, the sword of thy blessed word, whereby we may take vengeance of the flesh, wicked vices, and lewde desires, which doe in a maner destroy vs, and so to bridle and keepe vnder sinne which is naturall vnto vs, that it may be deposed from the tyrannie which he executeth vppon the children of Adam, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer out of the. Cl. Psalme.

A praier [illegible] wee may [illegible] prayse G[illegible] with a ch[illegible] full heart

When as al things which thou hast created (O almightie God) praise thée, they do not onely that which is due to thy famous honour and glorious renowme, but also they worke moste wonderfully and aboundantly theyr owne perfection: for there is nothing which we can do of more excellencie, then to celebrate thée as being the originall and ende of all good things, whose vnmeasurable benefites

fites we fæle dayly poured vpon vs. But neither can we sufficiently ynough perceiue them, nor yet thy infinite goodnesse, so long as we be here oppressed with the most grée-uous burthen of our heynous sinnes, and borne downe by reason thereof, with an ex-céding great waight of afflictions, so that a man must néedes vnskilfully prayse the thing which he knoweth not. We do there-fore earnestlye require thée (O mightye God) euen from the bottome of the heart, to disburthen vs of the fardell of our corrupt naughtinesse, which being layde downe, we mistrust not but the darknesse of present ca-lamities shall be driuen away from the sa-cred Church, so that she may lift vp hir eyes to hir maker and redæmer, who (wondering as well at the ryches of thy excellent good-nesse, as of the vnspeakable wisdome) shall magnifie thée with most highe prayses, as méete it is. But nowe verily, so sorowfull and lamentable things do incounter vs eue-ry where, that we sée nothing towardes vs saue-ing thy wrathfull indignation: which as we deny not our selues to haue deserued, so wée earnestly desire and heartily praye thee, to withdraw the same from vs at length,

length, to the intent we may be ſtirred vp to the worthie prayſing of thy glorious name, not onelye in wordes, but with all tunable inſtruments mete to lift vppe our mindes vnto thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lorde. Amen.

An other prayer out of the ſame Pſalme.

LIke as the holineſſe and magnificencie of thy excellent name (O moſt mightie God) is continually celebrated in the glorious Sanctuarie of ſuche as be bleſſed and ſpiritually minded, which thing maye bee done ſo much ỳ more excellentlier of them, for that they beholde the ſecretneſſe of thy Maieſtie both nearer and perfectlier: euen ſo is it mete alſo that mortall men ſhould alwayes addict themſelues to extoll thy worthie prayſes: who ſee the vnmeaſurable treaſure of thy excellent goodneſſe, mightie power, and incomprehenſible wiſedome to be dayly manifeſted, both in heauen and in all creatures. But aboue all others, this belongeth to our charge, who (being illumined with fayth and with thy heauenly ſpirite) doe vnderſtande more of thy diuine

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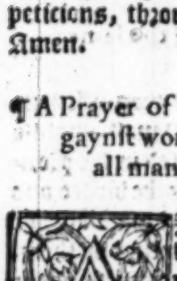
misteries out of the holy Scriptures, then nature is able to set forth with all hir bewtifull furniture: and therefore (we humblye beseech thee) to styrre vp our sinfull heartes in such wise, as we may worship thée with moste pure prayses and exceeding feruent peticions, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer of Doctor Peter Martyr agaynst worshippers of bread and all maner of superstition.



AYde vs nowe at length I humbly beseech thée (O heauenly father) by lightning the mindes and heartes of thy Christian people wyth the spirit of thy sonne Christ Jesus: who (laying Idolles and superstitions apart) may returne to the pure and vncorrupt worshipping, honouring, and calling vpon thee onely: neyther suffer the honor due to thée alone to be wickedly and deuilishly attributed vnto bread, wine, pictures, Images, and bones of dead persons: thy holye name hath alreadie beene to long

slaundered,

ſlaundered, to long hath the puritie of thy bleſſed Goſpell bene polluted: men haue ynough & to much abuſed the inſtitution of thy ſonnes ſupper, by conuerting the ſame to moſt filthie Idolatry. Mittigate at length theſe outrages of mad brayned men, that miſerably ouerthrowe themſelues hedlong, as they may no more go a whoring lewdly and bodye of ſhame, vpon euery hill, vnder euery tree, in all by wayes, ſtretes, Churches, and Chappels, with bread and wine, vnder the name of thy deere ſonnes Sacrament, and let them not defile the true honoring of thee after this wicked and blaſphemous maner. Vnleſſe thou (O moſt good and mercifull God) doeſt with thy puyſſant hand, take away & vtterly ſubuert this worſhipping of bread, the ſaluation of mankind and reedifying of thy ſacred Church can neuer be looked for. Helpe (O good God) ſuccour thy faythfull people whome thou haſt redeemed with the bloud of thy deere ſonne. And thou, O Chriſt Ieſu (who art a true and euerlaſting God) eſtabliſhe this worke which is begunne by thee, and bring it to the deſired ende: or if the ſore be without hope of recouery, and that thy truth maye

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not any more take place commonly and o-
penly in thy sacred Church, then come and
exercise iudgement with all speede, and
driue away (for the glorie of thy name) so
shamefull a reproche from thy holy supper,
which thou of thy incredible mercie and sin-
guler goodnesse hast instituted, who lyu-
est and reignest with the father,
and the holy ghost euermore
world without ende.
Amen.

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